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The annotated list in this issue is limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including classics, biographies, gothics, mysteries, and how-to and self-help guides. To learn more about the wide range of books in the national collection, readers may order catalogs and subject bibliographies from cooperating libraries. Librarians can check other resources for titles and answer requests for special materials. Readers can receive *Talking Book Topics* and other information through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at http://www.loc.gov/nls.

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In Brief

New Catalogs of Recorded Books Published

Two new large-print catalogs listing books recorded by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will soon be available to readers. *Cassette Books 1997* describes cassette books for adults produced by NLS during the past year. *For Younger Readers 1996–1997* lists recorded and braille children's books added to the NLS collection during the past two years. Both catalogs list books by subject categories and include forms for ordering selections from cooperating libraries. Later this year, *Cassette Books* will also be produced on flexible disc, and *For Younger Readers* will be produced on cassette.

The catalogs are being sent directly to patrons who ordered them on their annual publication order forms. They can also be ordered from your cooperating library. Cassette versions of these catalogs will be available on loan at a later date.

Magazine Changes Begin

NLS reminds patrons that many new magazine titles have been recently added to the program. The complete list appears in the Magazines section of this issue and includes information about the number of issues per year and format of each title.

Monthly Magazine for Young Adults Begins

A new program offers young adult readers a sampling of magazines not otherwise available through the NLS program. Subscribers to Magazine of the Month for Young Adults receive a different flexible-disc magazine each month. This program is a result of recommendations from a committee that studied ways to improve the NLS magazine program. For a free subscription, contact your local cooperating library.

Readers are scheduled to receive some of the following magazines.

Amazing Stories (science fiction, fantasy, and horror stories)

Backpacker: The Magazine of Wilderness Travel (outdoor sports and activities)

Careers and Colleges (careers, employment, and education information)

CD Review (features on performers, record labels, trends in audio equipment, and music reviews)

Funny Times (humorous tales, satire, and jokes)

Listen (promotes health and self-esteem)

Louis L'Amour Western Magazine (stories about the old West and Native Americans)

Quill and Scroll (articles on high school journalism and advertising)

The Source: The Magazine of Hip-Hop Music, Culture, and Politics (news, reviews, and opinions on rap and hip-hop music and culture)

'Teen (fashion, dating, and timely issues for teenage girls)

360° (topics such as racism, drugs and alcohol, and rap music)

YM: Young and Modern (beauty and fashion, personalities, and advice)

Magazine of the Month for Adults Continues

Adult readers may sample magazines through the Magazine of the Month program. NLS offers a different flexible-disc magazine each month. For a free subscription to Magazine of the Month, contact your local cooperating library. Readers are scheduled to receive some of the following magazines .

Emerge: Our Voice in Today's World (news and issues from an African American perspective)

Family Circle (decorating, food preparation, health and fitness, and timesaving tips)

Food and Wine (recipes and articles on culinary trends and topics)

Foreign Affairs (foreign policy and world affairs journal)

GQ: Gentlemen's Quarterly (fashion, travel, and dining for young men)

Health (articles on staying healthy and fit)

Inc.Technology (information on small-business management)

Natural History (reports on biological, natural, and earth sciences)

Organic Gardening (flower and vegetable gardening and environmental issues)

PC Magazine (trends in hardware and software for computer users)

Redbook (romance, family life, and beauty and fashion)

Today's Homeowner (home improvements, working with contractors, and yard care)

Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

Cassettes Nonfiction

All I Know about Animal Behavior I Learned in Loehmann's Dressing Room RC 41732
by Erma Bombeck
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Essays in which Bombeck contrasts humans, her favorite species, with other creatures in the animal kingdom. Animals, she says, may have "more fur, fewer teeth . . . and more interesting sex lives," but "we breathe the same air . . . and have the same goal—survival." A cheetah may be the fastest runner on earth, but compared to the IRS when they cash your check, the big cat is standing still. Bestseller 1995.

The Essays of Virginia Woolf, Volume 3, 1919–1924 RC 41807
edited by Andrew McNeillie
read by Suzanne Toren
5 cassettes
The third of six volumes of Woolf's essays, which reflect her professional growth and that of the era's literature. This volume offers 136 pieces, including an essay on the intellectual status of women; literary reviews of Fyodor Dostoevsky, Henry James, George Eliot, and Jane Austen; and a critique of a staging of Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard." Sequel to *The Essays of Virginia Woolf, Volume 2 (RC 41806)*. 1988.

Revolution of the Mind: The Life of André Breton RC 42107
by Mark Polizzotti
read by Laura Giannarelli
7 cassettes
In-depth biography of the controversial and iconoclastic French writer who is the acclaimed founder of surrealism. Covering the life and times of André Breton from his birth in 1896 to his death in 1966, Polizzotti delves into the complex personality, career, and private life of the man who was at the center of literary, artistic, and intellectual life during the 1920s and 1930s. 1995.

Katherine Anne Porter: A Sense of the Times RC 42202
by Janis P. Stout
read by Anne Hancock
3 cassettes
An English professor presents an interpretive biography of mid-twentieth-century short fiction writer Porter. Stout draws a comparison between the events in Porter's life, including the past she often invented for herself, and political and social issues of her time, which she

addressed in her fiction. Stout portrays Porter as a significant modernist thinker and literary artist despite social and economic limitations. 1995.

Guarding the Secrets: Palestinian Terrorism and a Father's Murder of His Too-American Daughter RC 42402
by Ellen Harris
read by Michele Schaeffer
3 cassettes
True story of Palestinian Zein Isa, who moves his family to St. Louis but forbids his daughters to act American. When daughter Tina defies him by dating a young black man and working part-time, Isa and his wife stab her to death. The FBI, investigating Isa's terrorist activities, gets the murder on tape. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Fritz Reiner: A Biography RC 42504
by Philip Hart
read by Christopher Walker
3 cassettes
A portrait of Fritz Reiner, a major-orchestra conductor who died in 1963. Traces the irascible artist's achievements with the baton, in teaching, and as an orchestra builder. Recognizes Reiner's most enduring legacy, his numerous recordings with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. 1994.

Falls Memories: A Belfast Life RC 42517
by Gerry Adams
read by Michael Consoli
1 cassette
Personal reminiscences, Irish history, and local color are interwoven in this book of Belfast memories by the president of Sinn Féin. The author recounts events of his youth and tells tales of faeries and in-house wakes. He also makes observations on politics and the Irish labor movement. 1994.

Thomas Mann: A Biography RC 42565
by Ronald Hayman
read by Randy Wieck
6 cassettes
Details the life of the Nobel Prize-winning author of *The Magic Mountain (RC 22210)*, whom Hayman names as "the last great European man of letters." Includes revelations from Mann's once-sealed diaries concerning his bisexuality and its influence on his writing. Describes Mann's works as self-portraiture in which he used "novelistic forms and masks" to express his inner feelings. 1995.

God's Chinese Son: The Taiping Heavenly Kingdom of Hong Xiuquan RC 42604
by Jonathan D. Spence
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
The Yale history professor tells how, in 1837, sickbed visions and a missionary's Bible convince a schoolteacher that he is the younger brother of Jesus Christ. Hong gathers followers, establishes an increasingly bloody "Heavenly Kingdom," and leads an uprising that costs twenty million lives. Violence. 1996.

No Downlink: A Dramatic Narrative about the *Challenger* Accident and Our Time RC 42623
by Claus Jensen
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
An overview of the American space program leading up to the fatal launch of space shuttle *Challenger* in 1986. Jensen sees the accident as a symbol of how adverse forces in bureaucracies and corporations can undermine personal judgment and integrity. 1996.

Internet Firewalls and Network Security RC 42630
by Karanjit Siyan and Chris Hare
read by Butch Hoover
4 cassettes
Explains how firewalls (data traffic routers) can protect computers from unauthorized access by intruders. Provides background on TCP/IP, security, and network policy design. Tells how to implement a firewall. Written for advanced computer users and system administrators. 1995.

Golden Rule: The Investment Theory of Party Competition and the Logic of Money-Driven Political Systems RC 42631
by Thomas Ferguson
read by Butch Hoover
4 cassettes
Essays supporting the "Golden Rule" of political analysis: "To discover who rules, follow the gold." In other words, it is not the voters who control the political parties and process, but wealthy business elites. Ferguson cites extensive evidence drawn from the past two centuries to make his case. 1995.

Takedown: The Pursuit and Capture of Kevin Mitnick, America's Most Wanted Computer Outlaw—by the Man Who Did It RC 42637
by Tsutomu Shimomura
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
An account of the electronic manhunt of computer outlaw Kevin Mitnick by the author and law authorities. Mitnick's invasion of the author's computer in 1994 triggers a relentless investigation involving the ingenious use of software and other technologies. 1996.

Edgar Cayce: Modern Prophet RC 42701
by Mary Ellen Carter and others
read by Erik Sandvold
6 cassettes
Compilation of four books about Cayce's psychic readings, published between 1967 and 1989. Titles are *On Prophecy*, *On Religion and Psychic Experience*, *On Mysteries of the Mind*, and *On Reincarnation*. Cayce's readings diagnosed medical problems and offered advice based on Christian faith and positive thinking. He died in 1945, promising to return in 2100. 1989.

The Education of a Woman: The Life of Gloria Steinem RC 42747
by Carolyn G. Heilbrun
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
A portrait of one of the most visible and controversial feminists of the late twentieth century. Recounts her childhood in a dysfunctional family, her early career in publishing, and her later years as a public figure and symbol of women's liberation. Relates colorful incidents involving celebrities. Strong language. 1995.

The Scott, Foresman *Robert's Rules of Order* Newly Revised RC 42755
by Henry M. Robert
read by Kerry Cundiff
5 cassettes
First published in 1876, this manual of parliamentary procedure serves as the country's recognized guide to running and taking effective part in meetings. Revised and modernized. 1990.

The Woman Who Ran for President: The Many Lives of Victoria Woodhull
RC 42766
by Lois Beachy Underhill
read by Janis Gray
3 cassettes
From an early age, Victoria Claflin Woodhull defied tradition. She and her sister, Tennessee, were 1850s spiritualists. They went to New York City, established themselves as fortune-tellers, received the backing of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and founded the first brokerage firm run by women. They also established a newspaper, where in the 1870s, Victoria began a fight for women's rights that led her to bid for the presidency. 1995.

Why Freud Was Wrong: Sin, Science, and Psychoanalysis RC 42775
by Richard Webster
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
A critical portrait of Freud as a pseudoscientist who was driven by his own messianic dreams. Likens the psychoanalytic movement to a religious cult in its adoption of such concepts as original sin and confession and argues that Freudian analysis was based on flawed theories and beliefs. 1995.

We, the Jury: The Jury System and the Ideal of Democracy RC 42781
by Jeffrey Abramson
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
Examines the pros and cons of the jury system as a democratic institution. Traces a sea change from the jury as an intimate, small-town institution to one that is distant and impartial. After citing several flaws in jury selection and trial procedures, Abramson defends the system as our best tool for ensuring deliberation among diverse viewpoints. 1994.

The Story of the Second World War
RC 42784
by Henry Steele Commager
read by Lou Harpenau
4 cassettes
A collection of firsthand reports and analyses from combatants and observers, tracing the history of World War II. Includes accounts from mostly American writers, such as Ernie Pyle and Eric Severeid, as well as from war correspondents and military officers. 1945.

The Norton Book of Nature Writing
RC 42789
edited by Robert Finch and John Elder
read by Ted Stoddard
9 cassettes
A comprehensive anthology of prose, essays, humor, reflections, and other writings on encounters with nature. Selections depict nature in all its forms—chaotic, inspiring, cruel, tragic, and mysterious. Covers two hundred years of British and American writers, including Charles Darwin, Henry David Thoreau, John Muir, Gilbert White, and Sue Hubbell. 1990.

The Agency: William Morris and the Hidden History of Show Business
RC 42790
by Frank Rose
read by Rick Rohan
4 cassettes
A chatty account of the powerful talent agency. Rose tells how the young immigrant started his vaudeville-booking office in 1898 and how the company grew as it handled stars of stage, screen, and television. He also offers an inside view

of wheeling and dealing in show business. Strong language. 1995.

Landscape and Memory RC 42801
by Simon Schama
read by Ted Stoddard
5 cassettes
The author contends that nature becomes landscape only through human intervention and explores how cultures mythologize natural elements. Wood is seen as the forest home of innocence and the redeeming cross; water becomes the river of life; and rocks are monuments and peaks to be scaled. An academic presentation. 1995.

The Norton Book of Interviews: An Anthology from 1859 to the Present Day RC 42802
edited by Christopher Silvester
read by Mary Kane
6 cassettes
Eighty-five interviews, chronologically arranged, conducted with noteworthy individuals by prominent journalists and writers. Pieces include biographical information about interviewer and interviewee. Features such figures as Karl Marx, Mark Twain, Leo Tolstoy, Sigmund Freud, Mahatma Gandhi, Mao Tse-tung, and Mae West. Some strong language. 1996.

Killing the White Man's Indian: Reinventing Native Americans at the End of the Twentieth Century RC 42864
by Fergus M. Bordewich
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Challenges stereotypes of Native Americans as noble savages and eternal victims. The author believes that across the country, Native Americans are asserting tribal sovereignty and property rights, redefining Indian justice and education, and shaping their own destinies in ways that sometimes conflict with the expectations of others. 1996.

The Sand Dollar and the Slide Rule: Drawing Blueprints from Nature RC 42937
by Delta Willis
read by Terence Aselford
2 cassettes
Explores the dynamics of organic forms and shows how blueprints found in nature could improve the human condition. Explains how human designs that mirror organic forms can often achieve the best performance, citing the sand dollar as an example of efficient fluid dynamics. 1995.

The Life and Legacy of Annie Oakley RC 42941
by Glenda Riley
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
A portrait of the legendary sharpshooter and archetypal western woman. Explores the life of this complex personality who overcame shyness and poverty to become an international star in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show. Evaluates her influence on the development of feminism. 1994.

The Reader's Companion to Mexico RC 42953
edited by Alan Ryan
read by Peter Gil
3 cassettes
An anthology of eyewitness stories by travelers to various areas of Mexico. This literary tour is guided by such observers as Katherine Anne Porter, Langston Hughes, and John Steinbeck. 1995.

Piano Lessons: Music, Love, and True Adventures RC 42966
by Noah Adams
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Public radio personality Noah Adams recounts the year in which he pursued his lifelong dream to play the piano. Each of twelve chapters covers one month of that year, ending in December, when he gave his wife a surprise Christmas Eve recital. Adams includes some historical glimpses and on-air interviews. 1996.

Racial Healing: Confronting the Fear between Blacks and Whites RC 42969
by Harlon L. Dalton
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Asserts that race and social power are linked in an American social structure that needs to be transformed. To achieve racial healing, the author advises confrontation and straight talk between blacks and whites. Recommends steps both races should take to get their respective houses in order. 1995.

Where Does a Mother Go to Resign? RC 42972
by Barbara Johnson
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
Johnson, a woman well acquainted with agony and grief, saw her husband recover from an accident that should have left him completely disabled, and survived the death of two sons. In this biographical sketch, she discusses her devastation at learning her third son is homosexual. She describes their eleven-year separation and how prayer and faith in God helped reunite the family. Johnson is founder of Spatula Ministries. 1979.

The Richer, the Poorer: Stories, Sketches, and Reminiscences RC 42997
by Dorothy West
read by Gail Nelson
2 cassettes
A collection of works by the last surviving member of the Harlem Renaissance. West includes her first short story, "The Typewriter," written when she was seventeen, along with later stories and essays recounting everyday experiences: needing money, relating to family members, and coping with death. 1995.

The Brothers: The Hidden World of Japan's Richest Family RC 43035
by Lesley Downer
read by Ralph Lowenstein
4 cassettes
A biography of Japan's greatest business dynasty, the Tsutsumi family. Between the world wars, the family patriarch grew a business empire of real estate and railroads, which has burgeoned since 1947. He then left the legacy to his two sons. 1994.

Worldling RC 43045
by Elizabeth Spires
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
Poems on profound themes such as motherhood, life, mortality, and the passage of time. Some poems explore the tension between a child's identity and the claims of relatedness. Others look out into the world and face the inevitability of change. 1995.

The 1997 National Job Hotline Directory RC 43048
by Marcia P. Williams and Sue A. Cubbage
read by Gary Tipton
3 cassettes
Thousands of telephone numbers for recorded employment hotlines accessible any time of day using a Touch-Tone phone. Organized alphabetically by state and Canadian province. Includes lists for cities, counties, state and federal offices, banks, medical facilities, hotels, and education jobs. There are also sections for national, international, online, and mail joblines. 1997.

A Mathematician Reads the Newspaper RC 43050
by John Allen Paulos
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
Paulos tests the truth of news stories on such subjects as politics, science, and sports using mathematical techniques. Ordinary news reports on the economy, for instance, are critiqued in light of statistics, game theory, and regression analysis. Presents a mathematical worldview for understanding numbers in the news. 1995.

Friends in High Places: The Rise and Fall of Clark Clifford RC 43056
by Douglas Frantz and David McKean
read by Art Metzler
3 cassettes
Recounts the life, career, and fall of a consummate Washington power broker. Chronicles Clifford's brilliant rise as presidential confidant and cabinet secretary and his ruinous arrest in 1992 on charges relating to his law firm's involvement with an outlaw international bank. Some strong language. 1995.

Grandparent Power! How to Strengthen the Vital Connection among Grandparents, Parents, and Children RC 43063
by Arthur Kornhaber
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
Handbook on grandparenting. Kornhaber stresses the "vital connection" between grandparent and grandchild and defines the grandparent's unique role as family historian, teacher, mentor, nurturer, crony, and "wizard." He also gives advice on handling the challenges of nontraditional family structures. 1994.

Reclaiming the Last Wild Places: A New Agenda for Biodiversity RC 43075
by Roger L. DiSilvestro
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
An environmentalist traces the history of conservation and federal land management since the nineteenth century. Criticizes the historic practice of drawing boundaries around pockets of wilderness. Proposes a practical approach to protecting wild places and species for the sake of future human civilization. 1993.

The Gravest Show on Earth: America in the Age of AIDS RC 43077
by Elinor Burkett
read by Carol Dines
4 cassettes
A journalist's investigative analysis of AIDS in America up to the mid 1990s. Examines the political, scientific, and social aspects of the epidemic. Critiques the roles of certain scientists, physicians, politicians, gay activists, and pharmaceutical companies. Covers the complex is-

sues of AIDS among minorities and heterosexuals. 1995.

At War Within: The Double-Edged Sword of Immunity RC 43083
by William R. Clark
read by John Richardson
2 cassettes
Clark explains how millions of years of evolution have honed a powerful, highly integrated immune system in animals and humans as a defense against foreign invaders. But the immune system can also unravel and turn against its own body, causing great harm. Clark devotes each chapter to a specific disease or condition. 1995.

Marching through Georgia: My Walk with Sherman RC 43085
by Jerry Ellis
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
The author narrates his 1989 walk through Georgia, retracing General William Sherman's march to the sea in 1864. Ellis set out to reconnect with his own southern roots, and he portrays the sights and sounds of the region and a people who hold fast to their rich heritage even in the face of a changing world. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Kid-Friendly Parenting with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children RC 43088
by Daria J. Medwid and
Denise Chapman Weston
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
A step-by-step guide to raising deaf or hard-of-hearing children ages three to twelve. Offers ideas and methods to help parents set limits and foster positive behavior changes. Suggests play activities to enhance communication, solve problems, and strengthen relationships. 1995.

Secret Paths: Women in the New Midlife RC 43095
by Terri Apter
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
Based on interviews with eighty British and American middle-class women between the ages of forty and fifty. Apter places them in four categories: traditional, wives and mothers; innovative, career women; expansive, women who seek radical changes; and protestors, women not ready to leave their youth. 1995.

Deep Politics and the Death of JFK RC 43096
by Peter Dale Scott
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
An analysis of the events and circumstances surrounding the death of President John Kennedy. Focuses on "deep politics" involving the Mafia, the CIA, private companies, and others who, Scott believes, were acting to prolong the cold war. Presses for a new investigation of the JFK assassination. 1993.

War at Sea: A Naval History of World War II RC 43097
by Nathan Miller
read by Bruce Huntey
4 cassettes
Compresses the naval history of World War II into a single volume. Using official documents and interviews, Miller recounts the political, strategic, and human sides of the war at sea. 1995.

Voices from Vietnam RC 43103
by Barry Denenberg
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
A chronology of diverse personal comments on the Vietnam War by soldiers, journalists, political leaders, and Vietnamese citizens. Soldiers discuss the fear of death, the escapist use of drugs, and confusion about antiwar sentiment. Avoids discussion of politics and history to tell "what it was like to be in Vietnam." Strong language and violence. For senior high readers. 1995.

Why Waco? Cults and the Battle for Religious Freedom in America RC 43105
by James D. Tabor and Eugene V. Gallagher
read by Terence Aselford
2 cassettes
An analysis of the government siege and ultimate assault on the Branch Davidian compound in 1993. Blames the fatal outcome at Waco on "anticultists" who created a climate of intolerance toward unorthodox religious groups. Urges Americans to be more understanding of others in their exercise of religious freedom. 1995.

Plays: *Before Daybreak, The Weavers, The Beaver Coat* RC 43116
by Gerhart Hauptmann
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Early works by the Nobel Prize-winning German playwright. Contains *Before Daybreak: A Social Drama* (1889), *The Weavers: A Play of the 1840s* (1892), and *The Beaver Coat: A Thieves' Comedy in Four Acts* (1893). The introduction places the dramatist's controversial career in the context of twentieth-century German history. Some violence. 1994.

Rebel Radio: The Story of El Salvador's Radio Venceremos RC 43118
by Jose Ignacio López Vigil
read by Peter Gil
2 cassettes
Chronicles the history of underground station Radio Venceremos and its impact on El Salvador from 1979–1992 in the midst of its civil war. López Vigil describes the difficulties faced by the rebel broadcasters as they reported on the war, eluded government soldiers, and thwarted attempts to jam their signal. Strong language. 1994.

His Holiness: John Paul II and the Hidden History of Our Time RC 43129
by Carl Bernstein and Marco Politi
read by Jake Williams
4 cassettes
Investigative journalists argue that Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan conspired to hasten the collapse of Soviet Communism. Evidence they cite includes the CIA's support of the Polish Solidarity Movement and the sharing of American military intelligence with the Pope. Bestseller 1996.

Between Two Fires: Black Soldiers in the Civil War RC 43131
by Joyce Hansen
read by Jake Williams
1 cassette
History of the 180,000 black men, many from the South, who joined the United States Colored Troops. The formation of the unit gave the men a chance to prove themselves worthy of emancipation and was a blow against slavery. Despite fighting two enemies, namely the Confederate army and racial prejudice in the Union army, the soldiers

earned a record of distinction. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

Beyond the Double Night RC 43139
by Ken D. Thompson
read by Mitzi Friedlander
1 cassette
Life story of James Morrison Heady, an American novelist, poet, inventor, philosopher, musician, and composer. Born in 1829, Heady, who became both blind and deaf, invented the "Talking Glove" and Diplograph embossing typewriter. Traces Heady's advocacy of the production of books in raised letters as a significant force behind the founding of the American Printing House for the Blind. 1996.

Ambush at Ruby Ridge: How Government Agents Set Randy Weaver Up and Took His Family Down RC 43148
by Alan W. Bock
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
Syndicated columnist recounts the 1992 standoff between government agents and separatist Randy Weaver, a federal fugitive wanted on a weapons charge. Holed up with his family in a cabin on their Idaho property, Ruby Ridge, Weaver was not taken into custody until after his wife and son were killed by agents. Bock discusses what led to the siege and the highly publicized trial that followed. 1995.

The Green Consumer RC 43149
by Joel Makower
read by Jake Williams
3 cassettes
A guide to products manufactured by companies that try to preserve the environment. Covers such commodities as cars, clothing, personal care items, and home furnishings. Includes a bibliography and directory of environmental organizations. 1993.

Silent Dancing: A Partial Remembrance of a Puerto Rican Childhood RC 43152
by Judith Ortiz Cofer
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
In short narrative pieces and poetry, the author recalls her childhood shuttling between Paterson, New Jersey, and her native Puerto Rico. The two cultures and languages crosscut her experiences as a girl moving into womanhood. 1990.

Getting There: The Epic Struggle between Road and Rail in the American Century RC 43155
by Stephen B. Goddard
read by John Rayburn
3 cassettes
The Connecticut lawyer and former congressional aide details the evolution of rail and road transportation, arguing that government policies have favored motor transport at the expense of a more beneficial mix of modes. He urges policymakers to include indirect motoring expenses in their calculations and create a system based on European models. 1994.

Travels RC 43168
by Michael Crichton
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
An author chronicles his world-travel experiences over twenty years, describing them as adventures, lessons, and occasions for life changes. Recounts various journeys to distant lands and encounters with sharks, elephants, headhunters, psychics, and other curiosities. Strong language. 1988.

The Reformation: A History of European Civilization from Wyclif to Calvin, 1300–1564; the Story of Civilization, Volume 6 RC 43188
by Will Durant
read by Robert Blumenfeld
9 cassettes (Reissue)
Volume 6 of the Story of Civilization surveys the men and the ideas, the beliefs and conflicts of the age of social and religious revolution. Discusses also the personalities of the period, such as Henry VIII, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther, and Columbus. 1957.

Writing Home RC 43193
by Alan Bennett
read by George Holmes
4 cassettes
An eclectic collection of talks, diaries, and essays by the British playwright known for his wry and self-effacing wit. The selection from the 1970s to 1996 includes political and social commentary, literary observations, and stories of eccentric neighbors. Strong language. 1994.

Cassette Books, 1996 RC 43228
by National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
read by Kerry Cundiff
4 cassettes
A catalog of talking books produced on cassette for adult and young adult readers during 1996. The nonfiction and fiction sections list books by subject categories. Separate listings identify books for young adult readers and for Spanish readers. 1996.

Fear of Math: How to Get Over It and Get On with Your Life RC 43230
by Claudia Zaslavsky
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
Explores the causes behind many people's phobia about the study and use of mathematics. Discusses contributing social factors, such as poor instruction and stereotypes about who can and should do math. Presents biographies of people who overcame the odds and succeeded in math-related fields. 1994.

Managing Your Mind: The Mental Fitness Guide RC 43234
by Gillian Butler and Tony Hope
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
Self-help guidebook on mental fitness and psychological health. Topics include problem-solving, cognitive therapy, relaxation techniques, overcoming phobias, building self-confidence, dealing with depression, building relationships, breaking habits, controlling panic, improving memory, and better decision making. 1995.

Time Present, Time Past: A Memoir RC 43244
by Bill Bradley
read by Butch Hoover
4 cassettes
Using notes made during the 1992 presidential campaign as he traversed the country for the Democratic Party, the U.S. senator from New Jersey offers his observations about America, expanding them with thoughts he says have germinated for years. Topics include the self-indulgence and loss of values of Americans, economic justice, race relations, campaign financing, immigration, tax

reform, political integrity, and the environment. Bestseller 1996.

The Future of Capitalism: How Today's Economic Forces Shape Tomorrow's World RC 43245
by Lester C. Thurow
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
Asserts that capitalism faces an unstable future as a result of the end of Communism, the rise of brainpower industries, an aging population, a global economy, and a multipolar world. Suggests that the government offset these forces by investing in research and development, training, and infrastructure. Bestseller 1996.

***Nightline*: History in the Making and the Making of Television RC 43246**
by Ted Koppel and Kyle Gibson
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
Koppel, host of the television show *Nightline*, and Gibson, a former *Nightline* producer, discuss the origins of the show—which first aired in 1980—and examine how it expanded the bounds of television journalism. The authors recall some of the show's key moments and discuss how *Nightline* affected world events. Some strong language. 1996.

The Enabling Garden: A Guide to Lifelong Gardening RC 43253
by Gene Rothert
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
A step-by-step guide to barrier-free gardening for people with disabilities and older adults. Provides a checklist for assessing one's gardening abilities, then offers advice on selecting appropriate structures, tools, equipment, plants, and garden designs. 1994.

Songs in the Night: Inspiring Stories behind One Hundred Hymns Born in Trial and Suffering RC 43254
by Henry Gariepy
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
Recounts stories of personal trials and sorrow that inspired men and women to compose popular Christian hymns. For example, "Amazing Grace" was penned in the 1700s by John Newton, a slave trader who lived a life of drunkenness and debauchery before his conversion. 1996.

It's Nobody's Fault: New Hope and Help for Difficult Children and Their Parents RC 43255
by Harold S. Koplewicz
read by John Richardson
2 cassettes
Explains brain disorders such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, separation anxiety, depression, and autism. Suggests treatment, including therapy or medication. 1996.

She Went to War: The Rhonda Cornum Story RC 43263
by Rhonda Cornum
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Army flight surgeon Rhonda Cornum's memoir of her ordeal in 1991 as a severely injured prisoner-of-war in the Persian Gulf. Recounts the downing of her helicopter over enemy territory, her harrowing captivity by Iraqi forces, and her jubilant return home. Strong language and violence. 1992.

Rubinstein: A Life; with a Discography Compiled and Edited by Donald Manildi RC 43267
by Harvey Sachs
read by James DeLotel
5 cassettes
A life portrait of piano virtuoso Arthur Rubinstein, whose musical talent was recognized when he was just three years old. But it wasn't until his fiftieth year that he achieved stature as a great musician, having spent his early years pursuing erotic and self-indulgent pleasures. 1995.

Thinking in Pictures: And Other Reports from My Life with Autism RC 43272
by Temple Grandin
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
A professor of animal behavior attributes her career success to autism. Her heightened ability to visualize allows her to convert concepts to nonverbal images in a mental "video library." Among other things, this ability has enabled her to design humane handling equipment for livestock. 1995.

The Abuse Excuse: And Other Cop-outs, Sob Stories, and Evasions of Responsibility RC 43273
by Alan M. Dershowitz
read by Randy Wieck
2 cassettes
The noted defense attorney and law professor examines the increasingly popular defense used by Americans who admit to committing violent crimes. Dershowitz cites specific cases, from the Menendez brothers to Lorena Bobbitt, to argue that excusing defendants because they were abused undermines the legal system. Some strong language. 1994.

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West RC 43291
by Stephen E. Ambrose
read by Ed Blake
5 cassettes
The author, who spent twenty years following and studying the route Lewis and Clark traveled between 1803 and 1806, focuses on Lewis. Ambrose explains why the captain was chosen to lead the search for a western waterway and describes Lewis's life afterward. Tells how the explorers recorded species of animals and plants, mapped the U.S. interior, and established ties with the Indians. Bestseller 1996.

An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America RC 43296
by Andrew Young
read by Bob Moore
5 cassettes
Young—former congressman, U.N. ambassador, and Atlanta mayor—uses his life story to trace the history of the civil rights movement in America. A close advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he recounts the movement's evolution in philosophy from quiet accommodation to nonviolent activism. Some strong language. Bestseller 1996.

A Good Life: Newspapering and Other Adventures RC 43308
by Ben Bradlee
read by Robert Sams
4 cassettes
Bradlee, editor of the *Washington Post* for twenty-six years, believes he has had a "good life" simply because he was often in the right place at the right time. Bradlee's portrait of his life, including schooling, military service, family, and

career, depicts people he worked with and the events he covered as a writer and editor. Some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook RC 43321
by Scott Adams
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette
A tongue-in-cheek guide to help new managers become "jargon-spewing corporate zombies." Explains key management skills, such as decision avoidance, deflecting blame, and offering empty promises of promotion. "Abuse is a form of recognition," Dogbert says. "And recognition is what every employee wants." Bestseller 1996.

Forever, Erma: Best-Loved Writing from America's Favorite Humorist RC 43322
by Erma Bombeck
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
This collection, selected from more than thirty years of writing, presents some of the best-loved and most-requested columns by Bombeck, including the first one and the last one she wrote. The final section offers some of the tributes paid to Bombeck following her death in April 1996. Bestseller 1996.

My Sergei: A Love Story RC 43324
by Ekaterina Gordeeva
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
The Russian Olympic gold medalist describes her life with Sergei Grinkov, with whom she was paired when they were both adolescent skaters. As they grew up, their partnership led to romance and then marriage. In 1995, Sergei died of a heart attack at the age of twenty-eight. Since then the author skates solo and raises their young daughter. Bestseller 1996.

The Soul's Code: In Search of Character and Calling RC 43326
by James Hillman
read by Gary Telles
3 cassettes
Psychologist Hillman propounds an "acorn theory" of life, by which everyone is formed by an innate image or essence that unfolds through self knowledge and perseverance to determine the person's ultimate calling and destiny. He bolsters this theory with examples of extraordinary people whose lives and fates reflected self actualization. Bestseller 1996.

The Idylls RC 43330
by Theocritus
read by Gordon Gould
1 cassette
English translations of verse by Theocritus, a Greek born in Sicily around 300 B.C. His works range from bucolic idylls depicting the simple lives of country herdsmen to mythological narratives to accounts of urban affairs in the city of Alexandria. These poems helped inspire the development of later European literature. 1988.

Lush Life: A Biography of Billy Strayhorn RC 43332
by David Hajdu
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
A portrait of Billy Strayhorn, a prolific composer of American jazz. Recounts his youth as a musical prodigy, when he joined the Duke Ellington Orchestra and wrote the band's theme song, "Take the 'A' Train." Strayhorn, who was openly gay, spent his career largely in Elling-

ton's shadow. Strayhorn died prematurely in 1967. 1996.

The Trumpet of Conscience RC 43333
by Martin Luther King
read by Bob Moore
1 cassette (Reissue)
These five essays, delivered as radio lectures by King in November and December 1967, portray a nightmarish America of reality and the egalitarian America of his visions. They express his hopes for the future of nonviolence as a means to social revolution even in a climate of riot. 1968.

The Quest for God: A Personal Pilgrimage RC 43335
by Paul Johnson
read by Gordon Gould
2 cassettes
A series of introspective meditations on the nature of God and the meaning of life. Examines a range of religious issues, including conscience, evil, death, and human stewardship of the world. Finds rationalism and humanism limited in dealing with these issues. Offers guidance for talking to God. 1996.

The Guide for Cadette and Senior Girl Scout Leaders RC 43336
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
A Girl-Scouting handbook for adult leaders who work with girls between eleven and seventeen years of age. Provides basic information on the Girl Scout organization, its goals and traditions, programs and activities, and the roles and responsibilities of adult leaders. Explores topics of concern to girls at this age level. 1995.

Safety-Wise RC 43338
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
2 cassettes
A guide for adult leaders in establishing sound health and safety standards and practices for Girl-Scouting programs. Sets forth program standards and guidelines, activity checkpoints, and trip-planning tips aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of girls involved in Scouting activities. 1993.

The Guide for Brownie Girl Scout Leaders RC 43340
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
3 cassettes
The basic Girl-Scouting resource for adult leaders who work with girls ages six to eight. Explains the organization, goals, and program standards of Scouting. Contains a complete edition of the Brownie Girl Scout Handbook, featuring stories and interactive activities. 1993.

The Guide for Daisy Girl Scout Leaders RC 43345
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
A Girl-Scouting handbook for adult leaders who work with girls ages five and six. Provides basic information on the foundation of Girl Scouting, its principles, beliefs, goals, membership, and program standards. Offers advice on working with Daisy Girl Scouts, planning meetings and events, and organizing program activities. 1993.

Robert Frost: A Biography RC 43347
by Jeffrey Meyers
read by Gordon Gould
4 cassettes
Life of the renowned twentieth-century Pulitzer Prize-winning American poet. Meyers examines how Frost's poetry was impacted by personal tragedy—the death of three children, the suicide of another, and the mental illness suffered by another. He also discusses how Frost's secret affair with Kathleen Morrison influenced his love poems. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Jung RC 43350
by Anthony Stevens
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
A concise account of the life and psychological theories of Carl Jung. Recounts his early years, his relationship with Freud, and his development of the key concepts of "analytical psychology." Discusses Jung's theories on psychological types, gender differences, and the interpretation of dreams. 1994.

Member of the Club: Reflections on Life in a Racially Polarized World RC 43374
by Lawrence Otis Graham
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Essays that address issues relating to the African American experience. Graham examines such topics as interracial marriage, affirmative action, campus racism, cosmetic surgery, problems in black leadership, and the "shame" of the black middle class. Some strong language. 1995.

Voyage of a Summer Sun: Canoeing the Columbia River RC 43394
by Robin Cody
read by Robert Sams
2 cassettes
A middle-aged canoeist recounts his twelve-hundred-mile solo voyage down the Columbia River. Describes the wildlife, killer rapids, and dams that control the river's power system. Tells of his encounters with the local folk and their views on the river and its environment. 1995.

***A Fever in the Heart:* And Other True Cases; Ann Rule's Crime Files, Volume 3 RC 43422**
by Ann Rule
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *You Belong to Me (RC 39614)*, Rule describes a love triangle in which a woman divorces her husband to marry his high school coach and both men end up dead. Other true crime stories complete the collection. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1996.

Aaron Spelling: A Prime-Time Life RC 43425
by Aaron Spelling
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
Spelling describes his career, during which he produced more than fifty television series including *Mod Squad*, *Dynasty*, and *Melrose Place*. In addition Emmy-winning Spelling acted, wrote scripts, and produced films and television movies. He also tells of his family, including daughter Tori, who became famous acting in Spelling's series. Some strong language. Bestseller 1996.

The Stevensons: A Biography of an American Family RC 43435
by Jean H. Baker
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
5 cassettes
A portrait of four generations of a prominent Illinois family of moderate liberals. Focuses on Adlai E. Stevenson II, lawyer, diplomat, reform governor, and presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956. Recounts the triumphs, trials, and frailties of a family whose history, the author avers, parallels that of the nation. 1996.

The Sky Is Falling: Understanding and Coping with Phobias, Panic, and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders RC 43436
by Raeann Dumont
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Dumont employs cognitive therapy and self-help strategies to treat those crippled by irrational fears. In the first two sections, she defines various anxiety disorders and illustrates them using actual case histories. In the final section, Dumont advises affected people and their spouses on specific techniques for treatment. 1996.

Turning Stones: My Days and Nights with Children at Risk RC 43442
by Marc Parent
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
A New York City child-welfare caseworker tells of attempts to rescue abused children. Parent recounts cases of sex abuse, beatings, and neglect. He traces his own transition from idealism to burnout, though he takes comfort in having made some lives better. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

One Man Tango RC 43446
by Anthony Quinn
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Memoir of the famed Academy Award-winning actor. Recounts his rise from poverty as a Mexican farm worker and fighter, through a variety of careers, to the pinnacle of the acting profession. Reveals his romantic conquests and describes how he prepared for some of his famous roles. Strong language. 1995.

I Could Do Anything If I Only Knew What It Was: How to Discover What You Really Want and How to Get It RC 43451
by Barbara Sher
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
This sequel to *Wishcraft (RC 14031)* offers practical advice and techniques for discovering one's true likes and aspirations and for overcoming common obstacles to finding and living the "good life." 1994.

Growing Up Jewish in America: An Oral History RC 43468
by Myrna Katz Frommer and Harvey Frommer
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Childhood memories of Jewish men and women of all ages from across the country. They describe their urban and suburban experiences and discuss long-held traditions and religious rituals. Presents a kaleidoscopic view of twentieth-century life from immigrant and minority perspectives. 1995.

Highlanders: A History of the Scottish Clans RC 43469
by Fitzroy Maclean
read by Robert Blumenfeld
2 cassettes
This companion volume to the PBS series offers an overview of fifteen centuries of Scotland's history and its clans, beginning with their origins in Celtic times. 1995.

A Reporter's Life RC 43473
by Walter Cronkite
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
Autobiography of the journalist who rose to become known as "the nation's most trusted person." Recounts his Texas youth, his years as a war correspondent, and his entry into broadcasting to become television's first news anchorman. Offers opinions about trends in broadcast news since his retirement in 1981. Bestseller 1996.

Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Hearts and Rekindle the Spirits of Women RC 43474
compiled by Jack Canfield and others
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
The editors of the Chicken Soup for the Soul series turn their attention to women. This volume of stories and poems covers topics such as love, attitude and self-esteem, motherhood, special moments, living your dreams, and aging. Contributors include Maya Angelou, Leo Buscaglia, Oprah Winfrey, Dolly Parton, and Linda Ellerbee. Bestseller 1996.

An Unquiet Mind RC 43477
by Kay Redfield Jamison
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
Jamison, professor of psychiatry, reveals her own experiences with manic depression, in spite of not knowing the effect disclosure will have on her professional life. She observes manic-depressive illness from her position as a noted authority and describes her earlier life of inspired highs and bleak lows. She tells of her initial reluctance to regularly take the lithium that eventually, with love and therapy, helped her find stability. Bestseller 1995.

Miss Manners on Painfully Proper Weddings RC 43480
by Judith Martin
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
Noted etiquette expert's guide to planning a wedding. Miss Manners covers such topics as the engagement, the invitations, the shower, the reception, menu planning, videotaping, the presents, communicating thanks, and even cancelling a wedding. Checklists cite the chief duties of various wedding party members. 1995.

What Women Want RC 43497
by Patricia Ireland
read by Manya LaBruja
2 cassettes
In this autobiography, Ireland recounts her life as a political activist in the women's rights movement. She recalls her experiences challenging Pan Am's employment practices, organizing efforts to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Florida, and fighting antiabortion violence for the National Organization for

Women, which elected her president in 1991. Some strong language. 1996.

Collected Poems RC 43500
by Thom Gunn
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
A poet's collection of his works composed over a forty-year period. His art reflects an evolving style and focus, progressing from the pensive early works of the 1950s to his poignant 1990s poems about the ravages of AIDS in the gay community. 1994.

How Sweet the Sound: The Golden Age of Gospel RC 43501
by Horace Clarence Boyer
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
A history of gospel music from its origins in early spirituals through the call-and-response hymns of the Deep South to the height of its popularity in the 1940s and 1950s. Boyer provides an overview of important composers and artists in gospel music, such as Mahalia Jackson, Thomas Dorsey, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, and the Soul Stirrers. 1995.

Even Brook Trout Get the Blues RC 43517
by John Gierach
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
Sixteen outdoor essays by a devoted fly fisher about his sport. Relates tales of fishing trips to rural farm ponds and mountain streams, and tells of an upscale trout club, where members fish with thousand-dollar custom rods. In "The Poacher," the author relates his humorous excursions to private ponds with a wily fishing pal. 1992.

Bogart: In Search of My Father RC 43525
by Stephen Humphrey Bogart
read by Jeff Baker
2 cassettes
A son's portrait of the famous actor. Stephen Humphrey Bogart reminisces about his childhood and his father's death when Stephen was eight years old. The author recalls trying to escape his father's shadow. He also draws upon interviews with his mother, Lauren Bacall, and other Hollywood stars. Strong language. 1995.

The Physics of Star Trek RC 43550
by Lawrence M. Krauss
read by James DeLotel
1 cassette
Krauss uses the original Star Trek television series (and its spinoffs) to explore concepts in physics, quantum mechanics, interstellar flight, and time travel, as he questions the possibility of "warp drives," "transporters," "wormholes," "phasers," and "holodecks" as well as extraterrestrial life. With a foreword by Stephen Hawking. 1995.

Joan Lunden's Healthy Cooking RC 43552
by Joan Lunden and Laura Morton
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Television hostess and mother Joan Lunden offers hints and recipes reflecting the program she used to shed unwanted pounds and develop a sense of total well-being. In addition to a brief biography, Lunden offers more than one hundred low-fat recipes for snacks, salads, main courses, and desserts. Bestseller 1996.

Science on Trial: The Clash of Medical Evidence and the Law in the Breast Implant Case RC 43558
by Marcia Angell
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
Argues that factors other than scientific evidence can unduly influence the outcome of liability cases. Cites the silicone breast implant story to illustrate the author's premise that greed, regulation, a distorted tort system, an alarmist media, and lack of public understanding led to unwarranted court judgments and harm to the public good. 1996.

View with a Grain of Sand: Selected Poems RC 43576
by Wisława Szymborska
read by Mitzi Friedlander
1 cassette
One hundred poems, by the winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Literature, many of which are tinged with irony. The focus of "Séance" is happenstance and chance encounters with familiar people and things in improbable places. In such situations, "we are filled with joy, radiant and deceptive." Bestseller 1995.

Everyone Is Entitled to My Opinion RC 43682
by David Brinkley
read by Robert Sams
1 cassette
Almost two hundred brief musings of a veteran television reporter over odd or remarkable news events from 1981 to 1995. His targets include arrogance and hypocrisy in government, the ruthlessness of world despots, the foibles of humanity, and the absurdities of modern life. Bestseller 1996.

The Basketball Diaries RC 43684
by Jim Carroll
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Carroll kept a diary from the fall of 1963 when he was twelve until the summer of 1966 when he was fifteen. As a rebellious teenager in the 1960s, Carroll took to the streets of New York City where he played basketball, hustled, stole, and got high on dope. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1963.

Leukemia RC 43710
by Dorothy Schainman Siegel and David E. Newton
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
Answers basic questions about leukemia, a form of cancer that disrupts the normal production of blood cells in the body. Discusses types of leukemia, causes, diagnosis, and treatments. Tells the personal stories of some leukemia patients and offers advice on living with the disease. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

The Voices of AIDS: Twelve Unforgettable People Talk about How AIDS Has Changed Their Lives RC 43730
by Michael Thomas Ford
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Twelve intimate interviews with AIDS victims and others whose lives have been affected by the disease. Each has become an activist for AIDS education. Gives explicit information about AIDS and how to avoid being infected. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

Cassettes Fiction

The Friendly Persuasion RC 39935
by Jessamyn West
read by Janet Daley
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Jess Birdwell is an Irish nurseryman who is homesteading in Indiana with his wife, Eliza, a Quaker minister, at the time of the Civil War. Jess is also a music lover who enjoys fast horses—worldly desires for a Quaker. With a sense of sharing and humor, the Birdwell family negotiates the arrival of a new organ and the threat of Confederate soldiers. 1940.

Tunnel of Love RC 40290
by Hilma Wolitzer
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Hearts*, Linda Reismann—twenty-seven, newly widowed, and pregnant—and Robin, her thirteen-year-old stepdaughter, have just arrived in Los Angeles. They hope to begin a new life and establish a less volatile relationship. But fate has more trouble in store for both—robbery, murder, a car accident, and a custody battle. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

A Little Yellow Dog RC 40994
by Walter Mosley
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
It is 1963 and Easy Rawlins has given up the mean streets for a steady job and a stable life with his adopted kids. But when he tries to help a woman in distress, his security is shattered, and he must go back to the streets to clear his name. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Beauty's Release RC 41076
by A.N. Roquelaure
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
Anne Rice, writing as A.N. Roquelaure, concludes her trilogy the Erotic Adventures of Sleeping Beauty. Beauty and her beloved, the slave Tristan, have been taken captive by a sultan, who imprisons her in his harem. Sequel to *Beauty's Punishment (RC 40644)*. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1985.

The Shadow of His Wings: The Appomattox Saga, Book 6 RC 41584
by Gilbert Morris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Rooney Smith is a young woman in trouble who has fled to Richmond to begin a new life. She meets Lowell Rocklin after he is wounded and taken to a Richmond hospital. While recovering, Lowell tells Rooney of his plans to make an observation hot-air balloon to help the Confederate Army. They build the balloon, but then fate steps in and deals them a severe blow. Sequel to *Out of the Whirlwind (RC 41583)*. 1994.

People of the Lakes: The First North Americans, Volume 6 RC 41693
by Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear
read by Jim Zeiger
6 cassettes
The Mask, an evil spirit among the Hopewell Mound Builders, now has complete control of Mica Bird. For peace to be restored, his wife, Star Shell, must take the Mask to the Great Lakes and throw it into the Roaring Waters. For Star Shell it is a race against time. Sequel to *People of the*

Sea (RC 41692). Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1994.

Stone of Tears: The Sword of Truth, Book 2 RC 41792
by Terry Goodkind
read by Nick Sullivan
7 cassettes
In this sequel to *Wizard's First Rule (RC 41067)*, reluctant sorcerer Richard Cypher discovers that the evil Darken Rahl was his father. At Rahl's death the veil to the underworld was torn, threatening to make the world a living hell. Richard's destiny is to repair the veil—but at a terrible price. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The People's Choice RC 42310
by Jeff Greenfield
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes
When the president-elect dies in a freak accident just two days after his election, many fear that the departed's dim-witted running mate will accede to the top post. Constitutional chaos ensues as the electoral college process unfolds and insiders vie to influence the outcome. Political wit and satire abound. 1995.

The California Trail: Trail Drive Series, Book 5 RC 42479
by Ralph Compton
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
After their exploits in Mexico on *The Bandera Trail (RC 41983)*, Gil and Van Austin return to the Texas ranch with cattle. Now the Gold Rush in California has created an unprecedented demand for beef, and the adventurous brothers see the opportunity of a lifetime. In 1850, they set off to drive four thousand head of cattle westward, not knowing the dangers that lie ahead. Violence and strong language. 1994.

A Dead Man in Deptford RC 42540
by Anthony Burgess
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
A fictionalized life of Elizabethan playwright and poet Christopher Marlowe, depicting his homosexuality, his espionage for the crown, and his early death in a bar brawl. Using the diction of the period, Burgess celebrates the life of the great artist, whom he calls "the Muse's darling." 1993.

Games of the Hangman RC 42613
by Victor O'Reilly
read by Ray Foushee
4 cassettes
A fast-moving story of international terrorism. War photographer Hugo Fitzduane discovers a boy's body hanging from a tree on Fitzduane's own property, an apparent suicide. But when the body of a slain terrorist is found with the same tattoo that marked the hanged boy, the chase begins. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1991.

The Collected Stories of Evan S. Connell RC 42624
by Evan S. Connell
read by Roy Avers
5 cassettes
Short stories composed over a period of fifty years, many of which are critical of political reactionaries and the American middle class. The lead story, "Arcturus," depicts the conflicts and veiled emotions between a husband and his wife's former suitor at a dinner party. Strong language. 1995.

Out of Control RC 42629
by G. Gordon Liddy
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes (Reissue)
The former FBI agent and Watergate conspirator offers a novel of political intrigue set in the world of high finance. In an attempt to expose suspected KGB agent Ballinger, the CIA turns to Rick Rand, once of CIA and now a successful financier, who allegedly has connections to Mafia and Chinese Tong crime families. Rand plans a tough scheme. Strong language. 1979.

Homecoming: The Holts; an American Dynasty, Volume 9 RC 42633
by Dana Fuller Ross
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Pacific Destiny (RC 38606)*, Henry Blake is discouraged by the protracted war in Manila, but falls in love with a local woman. Frank returns from the Yukon, only to be drawn back to the West. Aspiring artist India Blackstone must fight to pursue her dreams. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Little Dorrit RC 42796
by Charles Dickens
read by Vanessa Maroney
7 cassettes (Reissue)
Classic nineteenth-century novel portrays a changing society and prison life. William Dorrit, who owes money, lives in debtor prison at Marshalsea with his children Edward, Fanny, and Amy—known as Little Dorrit. Amy falls in love with and marries her middle-aged benefactor. 1857.

Sleeper Spy RC 42851
by William Safire
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
The cold war is past and the Russian government has lost track of a sleeper agent the KGB long ago placed in the U.S. to invest a fortune in capital markets. Not only is cash-strapped Moscow out to recover the billions invested, but so is a veteran American newsman with an ingenious plan to lure the sleeper into the open. 1995.

The Scout RC 42867
by Harry Combs
read by Chuck Benson
5 cassettes
In this sequel to *Brules (RC 39642)*, narrator Cat Brules recounts his days as an Indian scout with the U.S. Army. Describes in detail Custer's debacle against the Sioux, the army's pursuit of the Nez Perce, and other brutal events. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Where Echoes Live RC 42869
by Marcia Muller
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Sharon McCone has joined a former colleague in the California desert to work for the California Coalition for Environmental Preservation. A San Francisco-Hong Kong-based company is buying up nearby acreage, disturbing the environment, and making suspicious land deals with the few remaining residents. McCone investigates the disappearance of a local eccentric and the appearance of a bullet-ridden body. Strong language and some violence. 1991.

Shards of Memory RC 42946
by Ruth Prawer Jhabvala
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
A twentieth-century saga covering four generations of a New York City family with ties to London and India. The first narrator is the genial grandmother called Baby, who tells of her mother's marriage with an Indian poet and the international religious movement they founded. 1995.

Raising Holy Hell RC 42964
by Bruce Olds
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
A fictionalized account of the life of abolitionist John Brown from his Ohio roots to his failed raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry and subsequent hanging in 1859. Using private letters, interviews, speeches, public documents, and other sources, the author weaves his story of Brown's violent commitment to the antislavery cause. Includes views of historic figures such as Frederick Douglass and Robert E. Lee. 1995.

The Virgin in the Garden RC 42967
by A.S. Byatt
read by Corrie James
4 cassettes
A coming-of-age story set in 1953 England. Alternating chapters follow the lives of three Potter children: Stephanie, an atheist, marries the local curate; Frederica, an actress, falls in love with a playwright; and Marcus, who dabbles with psychic phenomena, goes mad. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1978.

Brain Fever RC 42974
by Valerie Sayers
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
Middle-aged professor Tim Rooney feels another breakdown looming when he leaves his fiancée, decides to find his former wife, and heads for New York with fifteen thousand dollars stuffed in his shoes. Tim's mind slowly unravels as he contends with past and present troubles. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Flashman and the Angel of the Lord: From "The Flashman Papers," 1858–1859 RC 42979
edited by George MacDonald Fraser
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
The cowardly and lecherous Harry Flashman is recruited to the cause of abolitionist John Brown in 1859. Flashman's adventures see him enlisted as a government spy, abducted by white supremacists, and involved in John Brown's raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry. Some descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Rifles: Seven Dreams; a Book of North American Landscapes, Volume 6 RC 42993
by William T. Vollmann
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
Follows *The Ice-Shirt (RC 32983)* and *Second Dream, Fathers and Crows (RC 37080)*, which covered North America's history up to the sixteenth century. Here the author intertwines Sir John Franklin's 1840s search for a Northwest passage with the relocation of the Inuits in the 1950s and its results. Some violence. 1994.

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
RC 43001
by Arthur Conan Doyle
read by John Horton
3 cassettes
Follows the *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (RC 17437)*. Doyle offers eleven more tales of Holmes and Dr. Watson, including Holmes's meeting with Moriarty, the Napoleon of crime. In a final note, Doyle explains Holmes's demise. Includes a chronology of Doyle's work and an introduction by editor Christopher Roden. 1993.

The Return of Sherlock Holmes
RC 43002
by Arthur Conan Doyle
read by John Horton
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Ten years after the fictional death of Sherlock Holmes, Doyle bows to public pressure and breathes new life into his creation. Using incidents from his own life, Doyle provides thirteen adventures for his amateur detective and Holmes's frequently baffled colleague, Dr. Watson. Includes a chronology of Doyle's work and an introduction by editor Richard Lancelyn Green. 1993.

Seedtime and Harvest RC 43010
by Mary E. Pearce
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
2 cassettes
Sequel to *The Land Endures (RD 17912)*, set in England in the decades just prior to and during World War II. Charlie Truscott, thirty-five, has become a mechanic, repairing cars and farm equipment in Herrick Cross. Linn Mercybright, her father, and her illegitimate son have also settled down in Herrick Cross after several moves. Charlie and Linn soon marry, but their hopeful plans are destroyed by Linn's ambition. 1982.

By the Green of the Spring: Loss of Eden, Volume 3 RC 43012
by John Masters
read by John Horton
5 cassettes
In this sequel to *Heart of War (RC 42912)*, it is 1918 and the guns have fallen silent on the battlefields of Europe. Four families struggle to mend their lives and pursue their dreams in the aftermath of the Great War. Some strong language and descriptions of sex. 1981.

Born Guilty: A Joe Sixsmith Novel
RC 43016
by Reginald Hill
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
The black, balding Luton, England, ex-lathe operator, now a private eye, discovers a boy's body stuffed into a box in the graveyard. A society matron wants to know what happened. Sixsmith also has two other cases: Galina Hacker has hired him to find out why someone is annoying her grandda, and Mavis Dalgety wants her school chum's teacher investigated. Some strong language. 1995.

The Mamur Zapt and the Donkey-Vous: A Suspense Tale of Old Cairo RC 43017
by Michael Pearce
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
Following *The Mamur Zapt and the Night of the Dog*, Captain Owen is mystified by the silence that accompanies the disappearance of Octave Moulin, an elderly Frenchman, from a famous Cairo hotel. When word comes that Moulin's wife is coming to Cairo, his

girlfriend is spirited away. Then a ransom note appears. But no one admits to seeing anything awry, not even the usually observant donkey rental boys. 1990.

The Mamur Zapt and the Girl in the Nile RC 43018
by Michael Pearce
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Mamur Zapt and the Men Behind (RC 42884)*, Captain Owen goes to examine the body of a young woman who fell off Prince Narouz's boat while it was moored. But the corpse is missing, and the prince denies any knowledge of the drowning victim. Now the captain's investigation pits him against his superiors, the prince, the Cairo underground, the colonial government, and his girlfriend. 1992.

The Mamur Zapt and the Spoils of Egypt RC 43019
by Michael Pearce
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
Mamur Zapt, head of Cairo's secret police, is piqued when asked to keep an eye on Miss Skinner, an outspoken American whose cause it is to keep priceless antiquities in Egypt. But when two serious accidents nearly befall his charge, Zapt wonders if her inquiries are exposing dangerous truths. Sequel to *The Mamur Zapt and the Girl in the Nile (RC 43018)*. 1992.

The Rake and the Reformer RC 43053
by Mary Jo Putney
read by Ann Hodapp
3 cassettes
Regency romance in which the notorious Reggie Davenport unexpectedly inherits an estate. Told that it has been expertly managed, Reggie has no idea that the manager is in fact a woman, the striking "spinster" Alys Weston. Tensions mount when they meet face to face. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1989.

Islands in the Net RC 43055
by Bruce Sterling
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
In the twenty-first century, data is power, and it is closely rationed through a global communications network. Laura Webster is a bright young star who manages information at a multinational firm. Her secure life suddenly changes when she descends into a vicious high-tech underworld. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1988.

Keeping the Good Light RC 43061
by Katherine Kirkpatrick
read by Carol Dines
1 cassette
Stepping Stones Lighthouse, Long Island Sound, 1903. Eliza Brown, sixteen, is bored with living in a lighthouse and longs for friends and adventure. When tragedy strikes her family, Eliza's life begins to change and her maturity is tested. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Rules of the Hunt RC 43065
by Victor O'Reilly
read by Ray Foushee
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Games of the Hangman (RC 42613)* Irish ex-soldier Hugo Fitzduane and his son are fiercely attacked by Japanese terrorists avenging their leader's death. Fitzduane recovers from his wounds and begins a relentless hunt for the attackers on their own turf.

Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

V. RC 43066
by Thomas Pynchon
read by Fred Major
4 cassettes
A wild, discursive tale of two men and an unknown woman called "V." Benny Profane, inveterate victim, is set in contrast to the young adventurer called Stencil, whose life quest is to discover the identity of V., whose initial appears in his dead father's journal. Some strong language and some violence. 1963.

The Enemy Within RC 43067
by Larry Bond
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
A foreign terrorist campaign of bombings and massacres across the United States incites widespread civil turmoil and paralyzes the nation. As leaders hunker down to contain the disaster, FBI and Delta Force agents desperately pursue the terrorists. Strong language and violence. 1996.

April Morning RC 43072
by Howard Fast
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette (Reissue)
Fictional account of the Revolutionary War battles of Lexington and Concord, related by fifteen-year-old Adam Cooper. After his father is shot down by the British, Adam joins the colonial militia at Lexington in its ambush of British regulars. For junior and senior high readers. 1961.

Ancestral Truths RC 43076
by Sara Maitland
read by Janis Gray
3 cassettes
Clare Kerslake has lost her right hand—and David, her cruel male companion of eight years—in a mountain-climbing accident. She cannot remember what happened that day and is terrified that she might have killed David. And Clare must learn to deal with "the hand," her much-despised prosthesis. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

Wild Is My Love RC 43078
by Janelle Taylor
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
A mysterious stranger arrives to rescue Princess Alysa, who is captive in her father's besieged kingdom. Trapped by destiny, the stranger and Alysa struggle to reclaim her lost legacy and consummate the passionate love that they share. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1987.

Nebula Awards 30: SFWA's Choices for the Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year RC 43079
edited by Pamela Sargent
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
The year's best stories, poems, and essays in science fiction and fantasy. In "Seven Views of Olduvai Gorge," alien anthropologists discover that members of the now-extinct human race had been slaughtering each other on Earth even before they reached the stars and wreaked havoc there. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Final Refuge: A Novel of Eco-Terrorism
RC 43082
by James L. Haley
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
Eric Jackson's love and life's work, his Houston wildlife preserve, has cost him his marriage, and now two beloved black rhinos have been killed by poachers. Learning that the thieves plan to raid his refuge for more rare-animal loot, Eric confronts the armed poachers and defends his animals. Some strong language. 1994.

The Patriot RC 43084
by Piers Paul Read
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Francesca McDermott is an American art scholar hired to organize an exhibition of Russian experimental "decadent" art in unified Berlin. Assisting her is Andrei Serotkin, a devoted Marxist and former KGB agent, who plans to hijack the valuable paintings and hold them for ransom in a bold attempt to fund the bankrupt Communist Party. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

The High Missouri: Rivers West
RC 43086
by Win Blevins
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
Montreal, 1820. Dylan Elfed Davis Campbell has had it with working in a bank and resigns on the spur of the moment. He plans to follow the calling he has always felt to be a priest. But his father is outraged, and they have a disagreement. With no place to go, Dylan hides in a barn. There he meets a druid, who offers him a chance to join the NorthWest Company and spread the word of God to the Indians. Some strong language and some violence. 1994.

Straight for the Heart RC 43087
by Marsha Canham
read by Carol Dines
3 cassettes
The stakes are high for Montana Rose, a lady gambler on the Mississippi riverboats. Her true identity is discovered by the dashing Yankee Michael Tarrington as Rose struggles to save the family plantation from ruin after the Civil War. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Saratoga Fleshpot RC 43091
by Stephen Dobyns
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
P.I. Charlie Bradshaw's buddy Victor Plotz knows the colt Fleshpot is a ringer when it refuses to take the trademark nip at Vic's backside. Then the inept man hired by legal enemies to shadow Vic turns up dead; Vic is accused; and the real Fleshpot has to be rescued. A mix of sleuthing and humor. 1995.

Underdog RC 43092
by Laurien Berenson
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Melanie Travis is presented with a pedigreed poodle and enrolls the pup in Jenny Maguire's elite dog handling school. When Jenny loses her own dog, Ziggy, Melanie offers consolation. But Jenny herself is dead within a week, and Melanie discovers Ziggy alive. The sleuth hits the dog show circuit on a hunt for Jenny's killer. 1996.

The End of the Age RC 43093
by Pat Robertson
read by Andy Chappell
3 cassettes
The apocalyptic prophesy is fulfilled in this tale of the Earth's last days in the year 2000. In the wake of natural calamities, the Antichrist forms a new world order based in Babylon. All are doomed but the "unaffected," who believe in Jesus Christ and who finally prevail. 1995.

Flesh and Blood RC 43094
by Michael Cunningham
read by Barry Bernson
3 cassettes
The saga of the Stassos clan, from poverty in Greece to wealth, dysfunction, and tragedy in America. In the family's nouveau-riche home on Long Island, the crude patriarch Constantine presides over his refined wife, two daughters, and gay son. As the years pass, all must confront their personal demons. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Desperation RC 43098
by Stephen King
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes
A couple driving across the Nevada desert are pulled over by an enormous cop, who arrests them for marijuana that mysteriously appears in their trunk. On the way back to the town, Desperation, they realize the cop is insane. Companion to *The Regulators (RC 42876)*, written under the name of Richard Bachman. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

The Knight and the Dove RC 43100
by Lori Wick
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
King Henry VIII has ordered a marriage between Bracken of Hawkings Crest and a daughter of Lord Vincent of Stone Lake. When Marigold refuses, Vincent offers his youngest, Megan. She and Bracken get off to a shaky start, but matters worsen when Marigold learns Bracken is to become a duke. Sequel to *Who Brings Forth the Wind (RC 43099)*. 1995.

The Boys from St. Petri RC 43112
by Bjarne Reuter
read by Peter Gil
1 cassette
Lars Balstrup is coming of age in his German-occupied Denmark village in 1942. He longs to join his older brother's secret club, the St. Petri Group, which engages in petty acts of resistance against the Nazis. As the defiance grows more serious, however, the St. Petri boys find their lives in jeopardy. For junior and senior high readers. Batchelder Award. 1994.

A Frozen Woman RC 43113
by Annie Ernaux
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
Autobiographical novel published in France in 1981 about the author's coming of age in the 1960s. A bright girl with unconventional parents, she becomes a typical teenager worrying about looks, first love, and developing the female role. After marriage she finds herself frozen into a stultifying life. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Anatomy Lesson RC 43119
by John David Morley
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Kiddo, a college and social dropout, lives on the dole in Amsterdam, mourning the premature death of his brother, Morton. Honoring Morton's final request, Kiddo witnesses the autopsy and begins a painful discovery of the darker side of his brother's life. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Clear Light of Day RC 43122
by Anita Desai
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
An Indian girl describes middle-class life in Old Delhi in 1947, at the time of partition and independence. Focuses on the Das family, made up of a diabetic mother, a mostly absent father, a widowed aunt, and various children. 1980.

Beyond Dreams: True-to-Life Series from Hamilton High RC 43133
by Marilyn Reynolds
read by Mary Woods
1 cassette
Six stories about Hamilton High students dealing with problems. In "Only If You Think So," Jason is transferred to Sojourner High until his grades improve. Despite his father's digs about "slowburner" school, Jason learns not to think of himself as a loser. In other stories, teen mothers make decisions to better their lives. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Shroud for a Nightingale: An Adam Dalgliesh Mystery RC 43141
by P.D. James
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
The General Nursing Council inspector is visiting the Nightingale School on the Sussex-Hampshire border. As she watches the class practice tube feeding, the nurse playing the patient suddenly convulses and dies. Soon another nurse is dead. Scotland Yard's Adam Dalgliesh investigates. 1971.

The Three Daughters of Madame Liang RC 43147
by Pearl S. Buck
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes (Reissue)
The story of China is portrayed through the eyes of a Shanghai restaurant owner, Madame Liang. She sends her three daughters to America to be educated, and they become torn between China and America. Their emotional and patriotic conflicts frame a story of turbulence and drama. 1969.

Ransom for an Angel: A Jeremy Ransom/Emily Charters Mystery RC 43153
by Fred W. Hunter
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
Chicago detective Ransom, happiest soaking in a tub and reading Dickens, is attracted to Angela Stephens but can't help her. A fortune-teller has predicted Angela's murder and described the killer as Angela's husband. When Angela is strangled, though, her husband doesn't seem to have a motive, and Ransom can't believe he's guilty. Some strong language. 1995.

The Liar RC 43154
by Stephen Fry
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Follows Adrian Healey through prep school, a brief time spent as a Piccadilly "rent-boy," his work in smuggling illegal drugs, and his return to academia at Oxford where he meets Professor Trefusis, a language instructor. Adrian has spent his life telling so many lies that he actually begins to believe many of them. Then he and Professor Trefusis get involved with a caper regarding a "truth machine." Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1991.

Madeleine's Ghost RC 43156
by Robert Girardi
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Ned Conti, thirty-two, from New Orleans, lives in a haunted New York apartment while working on his dissertation and trying to forget his ex-girlfriend. He takes a temporary job as a researcher for Father Rose, who is looking for evidence to declare a former nun a saint. As his worlds converge, Ned becomes involved in seances, suicides, miracles, and mummies. Some strong language. 1995.

Tracks of Deceit: Katy Steele Adventures, Volume 1 RC 43159
by Alan and Gilbert Morris
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
When a Central Pacific Railroad detective is murdered in 1867, his daughter, Katy, is hired to investigate. Katy and her fellow sleuth, Sam Bronte, uncover a web of official corruption as they track the murderer and railroad saboteur. 1996.

The Ruby RC 43162
by Christina Skye
read by Gabriella Cavallero
4 cassettes
A tale of intrigue set in London and Ceylon in the 1860s. The beautiful Barrett Winslow's knowledge of her grandfather's scientific secrets puts her life in jeopardy. The Rajah of Ranapore rescues her, but draws her into the web of his desire under the mystical power of the fabled ruby. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1992.

The Man without a Face RC 43164
by Isabelle Holland
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Receiving no love from his mother or stepsisters, troubled Chuck Norstadt welcomes the acceptance and affection of Justin McLeod, a mysterious recluse with a badly scarred face. Chuck is confused and frightened by his own feelings for Justin. For junior and senior high readers. 1972.

The Left Hand of Darkness RC 43166
by Ursula K. Le Guin
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Confused and afraid, a lone human becomes the pawn in an intrigue on Gethen, a planet inhabited by creatures that are neither male nor female. They are not neuters but have the potential to be either man or woman. Originally published in 1969. Hugo and Nebula Awards. 1976.

CivilWarLand in Bad Decline: Stories and a Novella RC 43170
by George Saunders
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Six short stories and one novella that paint a frightful and bleak—though darkly humorous—portrait of future America. In the novella *Bounty*, severe environmental degradation produces a population of genetically mutant "Flaweds," who must service the ranking "Normals." Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

How Far Would You Have Gotten If I Hadn't Called You Back? RC 43171
by Valerie Hobbs
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Sixteen-year-old Bron Lewis's life turns upside down when her family moves to a small California town. She eventually makes friends, but they prove to be the wrong kind. And when gentle Will Harding comes along, Bron has trouble accepting his earnestness. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

The Queen of the Tambourine RC 43172
by Jane Gardam
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
The chronicle of stodgy suburban housewife Eliza Peabody's mental breakdown as reflected through letters that she writes to a neighbor. When one of the missives incites the neighbor to abandon her family, Eliza cracks. Later epistles trace her continuing collapse. 1991.

People of the Lightning: The First North Americans, Volume 7 RC 43174
by Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear
read by Jim Zeiger
4 cassettes
In this sequel to *The People of the Lakes (RC 41693)*, the authors discuss the Windover people who lived in what is now Florida some eight thousand years ago. The story centers around Pondwader, an albino, who becomes known as White Lightning Boy. Violence and some descriptions of sex. For high school and older readers. 1995.

Edisto Revisited RC 43175
by Padgett Powell
read by David Hartley-Margolin
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Edisto (RC 20773)*, Simons Manigault returns home after graduating from Clemson with an architectural degree. But Simons has no plans to seek gainful employment—instead he finds ways to while away his summer. He begins by having an affair with his first cousin. Some strong language. 1996.

My Gal Sunday RC 43179
by Mary Higgins Clark
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Stories featuring a husband-and-wife team of amateur sleuths. Henry Britland is a former U.S. president who is married to a younger congresswoman nicknamed Sunday. Their cases include finding out who really killed the girlfriend of Henry's secretary of state. Bestseller 1996.

The Illuminati RC 43186
by Larry Burkett
read by Jack Fox
3 cassettes
In the year 2001, the president suspends the U.S. Congress because of a crumbling economy. His act follows the agenda of the Illuminati, a secret society that aims to make a one-world economy controlled by a central computer system. An Atlanta pastor leads a crusade to expose the society and thwart the diabolical scheme. 1991.

Battlefields and Playgrounds RC 43196
by Janos Nyiri
read by Ken Kliban
4 cassettes
Portrays the suffering of Hungarian Jews during World War II as seen through the eyes of József Sondor, a defiant six-year-old. József, with his mother and brother, endures peril and privation at the hands of the Nazis. The hellish conditions bring out both the best and the worst aspects of humanity. 1989.

Birdsong RC 43199
by Sebastian Faulks
read by George Holmes
4 cassettes
Rootless after an unhappy love affair, young Englishman Stephen Wraysford joins the World War I British army. He finds comradeship and loyalty amid the horrors of war as he commands men charged with digging tunnels under German lines and setting off bombs there. Violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

Art and Lies: A Piece for Three Voices and a Bawd RC 43202
by Jeanette Winterson
read by Lisette Lecat
2 cassettes
A story of three people aboard a high-speed train out of London in the year 2000. Handel, a surgeon and priest; Picasso, a young woman artist; and Sappho, a lesbian poet, are all fleeing lives of suppression in a brutal world of technology. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Live at Five RC 43206
by David Haynes
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
Middle-class African American Brandon Wilson anchors a TV newscast in the Twin Cities. His producer decides that Wilson isn't "black" enough and has him "go back to the streets" to cover the horrors of ghetto life. But there Wilson finds a different story from what his boss envisioned. Strong language. 1996.

The Tailor of Panama RC 43208
by John le Carré
read by Gary Telles
3 cassettes
The imminent takeover of the Panama Canal by Panama prompts British intelligence to recruit Harry Pendel, tailor to the Panamanian president. For personal reasons, Harry isn't above tailoring his reports to suit his British handlers, heedless of the consequences for world order. Strong language. Bestseller 1996.

The Store RC 43211
by T.S. Stribling
read by Ilona Dulaski
4 cassettes
Chronicle of an Alabama family headed

by Colonel Miltiades Vaiden, a southern gentleman who fought at Shiloh and was a Klan member during Reconstruction. The story depicts the ending of the old South and the beginning of the new. Sequel to *The Forge (RC 43658)*. Strong language. 1933 Pulitzer Prize winner. 1932.

The Knowledge of Water RC 43212
by Sarah Smith
read by Mary Kane
3 cassettes
This sequel to *The Vanished Child (RC 36805)* is set in Paris in 1910, when the Seine overflows. Concert pianist Perdita Halley regrets her career-based refusal to marry scientist Alexander von Reisden. As their love deepens, the two become entangled in a web of art theft and forgery, conspiracy, and murder. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Marks of Birth RC 43215
by Pablo Medina
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
Felicia Turner is the matriarch of her Caribbean family. Her son, Fernando García-Turner, and his wife, Rosa, are forced to flee to America with Felicia's beloved grandson, Antón, who bears the family's hereditary birthmark. Antón and his family face hardship adapting to American society while living in exile. Some descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Patchwork People RC 43217
by Louise Lawrence
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
In twenty-first century, the natural resources of Wales are almost depleted, and work is scarce. As Hugh, sixteen, panhandles at the railway station, he meets and rescues Helena, fifteen, the rich daughter of a mine manager. They come to realize that they have the ability to reshape their futures. Some strong language. For senior high readers. 1994.

The Following Story RC 43219
by Cees Nooteboom
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Herman Mussert, a classics professor and travel writer, falls asleep in his Amsterdam apartment but awakens in Lisbon in the very room where once he had a brief affair. He revisits other scenes of that liaison and then inexplicably embarks on a voyage to the Amazon. Some strong language. Winner of the 1993 European Literary Prize for Best Novel. 1993.

First King of Shannara RC 43233
by Terry Brooks
read by James DeLotel
4 cassettes
In this prequel to *The Sword of Shannara (RC 11046)*, Bremen the Druid, who has been expelled from Paranor for studying the magical sciences, learns of an advancing army of trolls led by Brona, the Warlock Lord. Bremen now struggles to unite the peoples of the Four Lands and to find a new weapon that will foil Brona's evil plans. 1996.

Murphy's Ambush RC 43237
by Gary Paulsen and Brian Burks
read by John Polk
1 cassette
Al Murphy, *Murphy's Stand (RC 42350)*, is in love again and a sheriff in Turrett, New Mexico. When rancher Travis Price's wife and two children are killed, Murphy pursues the Apache suspects. But then Price is murdered in the doctor's office, leading Murphy on a new trail. Some violence. 1995.

Tara's Healing RC 43240
by Janice Holt Giles
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Dr. Tara Cochrane is a tired and broken young man. Hod Pierce, from Tara's World War II command, invites him to try the quiet rural life of Piney Ridge, Kentucky. The city boy slowly begins to understand the beauty of the hard mountain life, and thus to find meaning in his own existence. 1951.

Paragon Walk RC 43241
by Anne Perry
read by Terry Hayes Sales
2 cassettes
In the posh street of Paragon Walk in Victorian London, a young woman is brutally raped and murdered. Inspector Thomas Pitt and his wife, Charlotte, must penetrate the highbrow facades of the suspects before they can uncover the scandal and prevent more killing. Violence. 1981.

The Forge: The General, Book 1 RC 43242
by S.M. Stirling and David Drake
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
In this prequel to *The Hammer (RC 43662)*, a young military officer discovers a sentient battle computer, a relic from before his planet's fall. Guided by the computer, he leads his people against enemy barbarians as he contends with the treachery of his own civil government. Strong language and violence. 1991.

Splitting RC 43250
by Fay Weldon
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Angelica White, former lead singer of a successful rock band, marries Edwin Rice and settles down on an English estate. She is betrayed by Edwin, who divorces her and tricks her out of her fortune. As Angelica's life comes apart, her multiple personalities vie for control. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

***Cold Snap*: Stories RC 43251**
by Thom Jones
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes
Ten dark stories on themes of war, disease, and squalor. In the title story, a defrocked doctor finds relief from his depression by inducing intense physical pain and by putting a loaded gun to his head. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Two Georges RC 43256
by Richard Dreyfuss and Harry Turtledove
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes
In this "alternate history" tale, 1996 America is at peace under His Majesty Charles III—a peace that has held since the 1760s, when George Washington and George III struck an agreement. When the symbol of harmony, a painting called *The Two Georges*, is stolen by a separatist group, a team of sleuths sets out to get it back. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Short Circuits: Thirteen Shocking Stories by Outstanding Writers for Young Adults RC 43261
edited by Donald R. Gallo
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Tales of terror about teenagers caught in precarious situations. In "Ethan Unbound," a boy finds himself locked in

the library with a librarian-witch and must summon Dracula and other literary figures to his aid. For junior and senior high readers. 1992.

A Private View RC 43262
by Anita Brookner
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
Retirement disappointments leave George Bland with an empty life. The appearance of a brash New Age neighbor sparks long-buried feelings in Bland. Rekindled, he considers his life and the women in it, including a lukewarm romance of long ago. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

River of Hidden Dreams RC 43264
by Connie May Fowler
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Sadie Hunter is a middle-aged woman who takes tourists on boating excursions in Florida's Key West. She entertains passengers with stories of her family's heritage and her Native American grandmother's doomed love for Sadie's mulatto grandfather. Throughout, Sadie struggles to commit to her Cuban boyfriend, Carlos. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Bombardiers RC 43265
by Po Bronson
read by Ray Foushee
3 cassettes
Sid Geeder is a top-selling bond trader but he hates his work and only hangs on to become vested in his firm's stock. As Sid and the other greedy rogues hustle bonds to gullible people, their deals become more bizarre, culminating in the corporate takeover of a country. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Man Who Cast Two Shadows RC 43274
by Carol O'Connell
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Suspended for shooting a suspect, NYPD sergeant Kathleen Mallory hears on the news that she's been strangled. Mallory moves into the real victim's apartment building to sort out the confusion and pursues a string of clues into a world of illusion and horror. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Miss Willie RC 43275
by Janice Holt Giles
read by Terry Hayes Sales
2 cassettes
The story of a kindly woman who moves to the Kentucky hills in the late 1940s to teach in a one-room schoolhouse. At first she tries to change the rustic habits of the stubborn and proud Appalachian people. But eventually she comes to appreciate the dignity of their customs and finds fulfillment in their way of life. 1951.

Rogue Warrior: Task Force Blue RC 43276
by Richard Marcinko and John Weisman
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
In Key West Marcinko and Task Force Blue bungle the rescue of the Secretary of the Navy from a hijacked 727, and Marcinko faces a court martial. But that must wait until he can stanch the flow of weapons from government arsenals. Sequel to *Rogue Warrior: Green Team*

(RC 41020). Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1996.

Rising from the Ruins RC 43277
by Daniel Peters
read by Gary Tipton
3 cassettes
Harper Yates, a Vietnam War "draft dodger," struggles as a novelist, while his wife launches a late academic career. When he finds himself stealing lawn ornaments, Yates realizes he needs a change and accepts an invitation to help out at a Guatemalan archaeological dig. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Black Light RC 43278
by Stephen Hunter
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
Bob Lee Swagger, a former Marine sniper in Vietnam, joins a young journalist in search of the killer of Swagger's father, an Arkansas highway patrolman. It soon becomes clear that powerful people don't want the truth uncovered, and Swagger must use every trick and weapon in his arsenal just to survive. Strong language. 1996.

The Last Don RC 43299
by Mario Puzo
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
On the day of a family double christening in 1965, Mafia don Clericuzio decides to spare his progeny from "our sins" by shifting to legitimate investments. Twenty-five years later, the male cousins who shared the christening continue to struggle with the sins of their forebears. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Icon RC 43301
by Frederick Forsyth
read by Ted Stoddard
4 cassettes
In 1999 Igor Komarov seems poised to become president of a Russia on the brink of anarchy. Then a copy of his racist and fascist ideology—the "Black Manifesto"—falls into foreign hands. Ex-CIA agent Jason Monk is dispatched to infiltrate Russia, spread word of the document's existence, and prevent Komarov from being elected. Some strong language. 1996.

Prizes RC 43306
by Erich Segal
read by Faith Potts
3 cassettes
Adam Coopersmith is a caring physician whose genetic research brings him to the nation's capital to save the life of a "senior Washington personage." Sandy Raven is a gerontological researcher whose work has left his personal life on the brink of disaster. Isabel da Costa, a child prodigy, is a brilliant physicist whose father dominates her life. Each aspires to win a Nobel Prize. One will die in the process. Strong language. 1995.

Shock Wave RC 43317
by Clive Cussler
read by Bob Askey
4 cassettes
In the 1850s, a male and a female prisoner survive a shipwreck and find diamonds on an island. In the year 2000, their descendant Arthur Dorsett plans to topple the diamond market with a flood of gems. His mining techniques are causing an "acoustic plague" that kills animals and humans. Investigating these odd deaths, Dirk Pitt meets

Arthur's daughter Maeve, who is quite different from her father. Violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1996.

Jack and Jill RC 43318
by James Patterson
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
When a United States senator is shot dead in his home, the sole clue is a cryptic poem signed "Jack and Jill." More murders follow, and detective Alex Cross is caught up in a frantic race to stop the killers before they reach the president. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Harvest RC 43323
by Tess Gerritsen
read by Michele Schaeffer
3 cassettes
Surgical resident Abby DiMatteo is excited to be considered for the prestigious cardiac transplant team. But when she must oppose her colleagues' plan to divert a transplant from a dying seventeen-year-old to a billionaire's wife, she is discredited. As she fights to clear her name, she is shocked at what she learns. Strong language and violence. 1996.

"This Year It Will Be Different" and Other Stories: A Christmas Treasury RC 43325
by Maeve Binchy
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
Fifteen tales set in England, Ireland, and Australia telling how family members come to terms with Christmases that circumstances make "different." In the title story, a mother's listlessness leads to a change in the way her family observes the holiday. In another, a resentful stepdaughter finds love within her new family. Bestseller 1996.

All That Glitters RC 43328
by V.C. Andrews
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
In the sequel to *Pearl in the Mist (RC 39864)*, Ruby is living in her late grandmother's bayou shack with her baby, Pearl. Wealthy Paul Tate wants to marry Ruby even though they now know they are half-siblings. She agrees to a celibate marriage for Pearl's sake, but cannot forget her love for Pearl's father, Beau. Meanwhile, Ruby's twin, Gisselle, continues to be a thorn in her side. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Lieberman's Day: An Abe Lieberman Mystery RC 43331
by Stuart Kaminsky
read by Richard Davidson
2 cassettes
Aging police detective Lieberman and his partner, William Hanrahan, bring their own kind of justice to two criminals: a robber who kills Lieberman's nephew, David, and wounds David's pregnant wife; and an abusive husband whose wife and son have taken refuge with Hanrahan. Some violence and some strong language. 1994.

Jackson's Dilemma RC 43352
by Iris Murdoch
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
On the eve of their wedding, Marian Berran mysteriously jilts country squire Edward Lannion. The disappointed friends and family, all overcome with sadness, are healed by a world-wise manservant, who intervenes and sets their world to rights. 1995.

The Daughters of Cain RC 43356
by Colin Dexter
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
Chief Inspector Morse is faced with two related murders. When an Oxford don is found stabbed in his flat, the trail of clues leads to an unsavory college servant whom the don had sacked. But when the servant turns up murdered with the same weapon, Morse is left with a surfeit of suspects and a perplexing mystery. 1994.

A Monstrous Regiment of Women RC 43358
by Laurie R. King
read by Carmella Ross
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Beekeeper's Apprentice (RC 39416)*, detective Mary Russell is in London when she happens upon her friend Veronica, who has joined a feminist religious temple that attracts wealthy young women, some of whom meet untimely ends. Mary goes underground on the case and finds more danger than she expected. 1995.

Falling into Glory RC 43359
by Robert Westall
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
At seventeen Robbie Atkinson is a popular, respected rugby star in his final year of British grammar school. By a series of chance encounters, he becomes involved with schoolteacher Emma Harris, whose fiancé was killed in World War II. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1993.

In the Place of Fallen Leaves RC 43360
by Tim Pears
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
3 cassettes
The story of thirteen-year-old Alison, the youngest child of a Devon, England, farm family during the summer drought of 1984. As Alison is awakening to love, sexuality, and life's mysteries, her disabled grandmother reveals to her the tragic and sordid history of her family's past. 1993.

The Rector's Wife RC 43361
by Joanna Trollope
read by Barbara Caruso
2 cassettes
For twenty years, Anna Bouverie lived a stifled, penurious life as wife of the village rector. Her husband is passed over for a promotion to archdeacon, and he retreats into bitterness. But Anna begins a journey of self-discovery, taking a menial job and two new lovers. 1991.

The Manikin RC 43367
by Joanna Scott
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes
Manikin, the lavish estate of a taxidermist, houses a collection of stuffed creatures. The taxidermist's lonely widow lives on in this isolated kingdom with a staff of eccentric servants. A new housekeeper arrives with her young daughter, who is doomed to grow up in the eerie and cursed house. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Synonym for Love RC 43368
by Alison Moore
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
Matty Grover is on the move a lot. When her mother dies and her father

leaves her, Matty's previously unknown stepbrother boards her with the church organist. Later, in the Arizona desert, Matty deals with family secrets and her own coming-of-age. Strong language. 1995.

Shinju RC 43369
by Laura Joh Rowland
read by Robert Sams
3 cassettes
In 1689 Tokyo, detective Sano Ichiro discovers the bodies of a man and a woman bound together in an apparent *shinju* or "double love suicide." But Sano suspects otherwise and risks personal ruin as he follows a trail of clues that lead to a treasonous plot against the shogun. Violence. 1994.

Our Landlady RC 43370
by L. Frank Baum
read by Terence Aselford
2 cassettes
A collection of humorous stories written around 1890 about life in South Dakota. Speaking through his fictional landlady, the creator of Oz comments on railroads, suffrage, prairie populism, prohibition, and other issues of moment at the time that state entered the Union. 1996.

Konfidenz RC 43371
by Ariel Dorfman
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
A woman comes to Paris to aid her imperiled lover. Immediately, the telephone rings and she is swept into an alarming relationship with the mysterious voice of a man who seems to know everything about her, even intimate details. Gradually there comes a startling revelation. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Objects in Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear RC 43375
by Katharine Weber
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
At twenty-six, photographer Harriet Rose has established her career and has found her true love. Traveling to Geneva, she stays with her old friend, Anne, whom Harriet finds much changed, involved with a married man, and headed for disaster. Harriet is faced with the delicate task of rescuing a reluctant victim. Strong language. 1995.

The Master of Blacktower RC 43376
by Barbara Michaels
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes (Reissue)
In April of 1853, Damaris Gordon, an independent young woman left penniless upon the death of her father, arrives in Scotland to take up her position as companion to the spoiled disabled daughter of the master of Blacktower—an enigmatic man with a scarred face who may be responsible for the death of his wife. 1966.

The Oracle Glass RC 43379
by Judith Merkle Riley
read by Annie Wauters
4 cassettes
At fifteen Geneviève Pasquier is orphaned and living in Paris during the reign of Louis XIV. She is taken in and tutored by La Voisin, an occultist and witch. Gifted with the power to read the swirling waters of the oracle glass, Geneviève finds intrigue and danger at the king's court. 1994.

A Place to Hide RC 43384
by Robert Westall
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
Eighteen-year-old Lucy King's father tells her she must go into hiding because he is about to blow the whistle on the English government. Dressed in her late mother's posh clothes, Lucy flees, assumes a new identity as an antiques dealer, and waits in terror to hear what will happen to her father. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Bone Truth RC 43388
by Anne Finger
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
Elizabeth, single and unexpectedly pregnant, considers her own childhood and how her disability and her abusive father have shaped her. She finds peace with herself through her art and her humor, but worries about the effects she and the baby will have on one another. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

Now I Know Everything RC 43390
by Andrew Postman
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
Andrew, a would-be novelist, is hired by a famous women's magazine as a columnist to report on romance and sex from a "sensitive" man's perspective. As columnist "Vince," his popularity among women soars while, paradoxically, his love life—potential "material" for his column—founders. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Play It as It Lays RC 43391
by Joan Didion
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
A discursive story set in late 1960s Hollywood about an actress whose immoderate lifestyle has alienated her from family and friends. She witnesses a friend's suicide and enters a mental hospital, where she recollects some of the formative events in her life. Strong language. 1970.

Footprints RC 43395
by Shelby Hearon
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
After the sudden death of their grown daughter, Doug and Nan Mayhall confront the long-suppressed conflicts of their marriage. As Doug takes a young lover, Nan retreats to the security of her relinquished academic career. It takes another tragic event to bring healing to the estranged couple. Strong language. 1996.

The Visiting Physician RC 43396
by Susan Richards Shreve
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Twenty years ago, Helen Fielding's baby sister drowned while the children were visiting their aunt in small-town Ohio. Helen returns to the town as a pediatrician to stem a deadly epidemic. Less easy to diagnose is the malaise that grips the townspeople and which Helen must confront to resolve the tragedy of her youth. 1996.

Shelter RC 43397
by Jayne Anne Phillips
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
A rite-of-passage tale in which two

young sisters encounter crazed drifters in a remote West Virginia girls' camp in 1963. The girls are transformed by their contacts with Parson, a Bible-obsessed avenger; Buddy, child of the forest; and the vicious Carmody. Strong language and violence. 1994.

Politically Correct Holiday Stories: For an Enlightened Yuletide Season RC 43421
by James Finn Garner
read by David Hartley-Margolin
1 cassette
Garner, who wrote *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories (RC 38598)* and *Once upon a More Enlightened Time (RC 40614)*, now rewrites holiday favorites for the 1990s. Includes "'Twas the Night before Solstice," "Frosty the Persun of Snow," and "Rudolph the Nasally Empowered Reindeer." In "A Christmas Carol," Marley is visited by spiritual facilitators. Bestseller 1995.

The Bestseller RC 43428
by Olivia Goldsmith
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes
When, after countless rejections from publishers, first-time author Terry O'Neil kills herself, her mother vows to get Terry's huge manuscript into print. Intertwined are stories of other authors and publishers hoping they have a book that will make the bestseller list. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Love Me Forever RC 43432
by Johanna Lindsey
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
Nineteenth-century English heiress Kimberly Richards is pressured to select a husband soon so her father can remarry. Lachlan MacGregor is in need of a wife with money, since his stepmother took off with his family's inheritance. Then Richards and MacGregor are given adjoining rooms while visiting a mutual friend. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

Bordersnakes RC 43433
by James Crumley
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
A ribald tale of two ornery guys on a rollicking spree, each of whom seeks to avenge past wrongs. One wants payback for his own near-murder, while the other aims to even the score over his stolen inheritance. They descend into the sordid world of the drug trade along the Mexican border. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1996.

Melody RC 43437
by V.C. Andrews
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Melody Logan loses her beloved father in a coal mining accident. When her mother leaves her with the Logan family on Cape Cod, Melody tries to adjust to her hard, new life. She finds a faithful ally in her cousin, Cary, who reveals the family's tragic past. Bestseller 1996.

Mischief RC 43441
by Amanda Quick
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Imogen Waterstone has inherited her uncle's Zamarian antiquities, which she intends to use to trap her friend's killer. Waterstone gets help from the reluctant earl of Colchester, who was indebted to her uncle. But Waterstone and Colchester are soon in serious trouble as corpses pile up. Strong language and

some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

The Absence of Angels RC 43444
by W.S. Penn
read by Jamie Horton
2 cassettes
Alley Hummingbird, born of white and Indian parents, longs to reconcile the two cultures that have formed him. A rebellious college student during the Vietnam War, he moves between the Hopi Second Mesa and Los Angeles in search of identity. When he gets a brain tumor, he confronts death and finds enlightenment. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

Voyage of the Exiles: Land of the Far Horizon, Book 1 RC 43445
by Patricia Hickman
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
England, 1787. George Prentice's death sentence is reduced to exile in Australia. Prentice is unaware that his wife and daughter are also headed to the new colony under separate passage. After a perilous voyage, they are reunited in their new land. Prequel to *Angel of the Outback (RC 43827)*. 1995.

The Long Way Home: The Real People, Book 5 RC 43449
by Robert J. Conley
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
In this sequel to *The Way South (RC 40256)*, an enslaved Cherokee priest, Deadwood Lighter, becomes an interpreter for conquistador Hernando de Soto. On de Soto's expedition and quest for gold in Florida, the priest is appalled at the Spaniards' cruelty. As de Soto nears Cherokee territory, Lighter escapes to warn his people. Violence. 1994.

***Numbers in the Dark* and Other Stories RC 43455**
by Italo Calvino
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
Thirty-seven tales and fables on such themes as politics, ethics, and technology. "The Black Sheep" tells of a country populated by thieves who rob one another every night. This economic system stays in balance until an honest man arrives. Some stories are humorous, others are ponderous, but all are thought-provoking. 1995.

The Inhabited Woman RC 43456
by Gioconda Belli
read by Gabriella Cavallero
3 cassettes
Aristocrat Lavinia Alarcón returns to her Latin American home to begin work after her university studies in Italy. At first an apolitical yuppie, she is gradually drawn into a guerilla movement under the influence of a fifteenth-century female rebel, whose spirit resides at Lavinia's home. Descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Physician of London: The Second Part of the Seventeenth-Century Trilogy of Nicholas Cooke RC 43460
by Stephanie Cowell
read by John Horton
3 cassettes
This sequel to *Nicholas Cooke (RC 37467)* opens in 1617 as Nicholas, now a physician and priest, is living in a small London parish. Nicholas and his colleagues form a scientific society to better the world. His friend, the politically ambitious Thomas Wentworth, be-

comes the focus of controversy and faces execution for treason. 1995.

Black Ribbon: A Dog-Lover's Mystery RC 43462
by Susan Conant
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
A mystery embedded in an encyclopedia of information about breeding and showing dogs. Holly Winter and her Alaskan malamute, Rowdy, enjoy Waggin' Tail dog camp, where participants eagerly compare dogs and exchange gossip. Then the spiteful Eva Spitteler dies under a collapsing dog-training ramp, and Holly suspects murder. 1995.

Artists in Crime RC 43463
by Ngaio Marsh
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
Scotland Yard detective Roderick Alleyn must turn his interest in the feisty artist, Agatha Troy, from personal to professional. At Troy's artists' colony, a model is murdered, and Alleyn is called in to investigate. Suspects abound, including the lovely but aloof Troy. 1938.

The Rosewood Casket RC 43475
by Sharyn McCrumb
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
Randall Stargill wants to leave this world in a handmade coffin and calls his sons to his Tennessee home to build one out of rosewood he has stored in the barn. Before Randall dies, though, old friend Nora Bonesteel delivers a box of dark secrets she says Randall would want buried with him. 1996.

A Secret Affair RC 43476
by Barbara Taylor Bradford
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
Bill Fitzgerald, foreign war correspondent, and Vanessa Stewart, glass designer, meet in Venice. An immediate attraction starts an affair during which they rendezvous several times in the U.S. Then at a planned tryst in Venice, one of them does not appear. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Dinotopia Lost RC 43486
by Alan Dean Foster
read by Gregory Gorton
3 cassettes
A utopian tale of Dinotopia, an island where humans and dinosaurs live in harmony. When a pirate ship reaches its shores and the marauding crew captures a dinosaur family, young pilot Will Denison leads the rescuers into the perilous Rainy Basin for a tense and fateful confrontation. 1996.

The Constellations RC 43488
by James Finney Boylan
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
Fifteen-year-old Phoebe runs away in search of her mother, leaving the adults at home to their lustful frenzy. Her offbeat adventures include a trip to a tattoo parlor and discovery of a latex brain. After three months, she rejoins her zany and dysfunctional family. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Sequel to *The Planets (RC 34507)*. 1994.

Nathan's Run RC 43498
by John Gilstrap
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
Nathan, an orphaned and abused twelve-year-old, is sentenced to a deten-

tion center, where he kills a guard in self-defense. Nathan escapes and is relentlessly pursued by police, as well as by a hit man. While on the lam, the boy finds unlikely allies in a conservative talk-show host and a cop. Strong language. 1996.

Legacies RC 43513
by Janet Dailey
read by Mary Kane
3 cassettes
It has been five years since Diane Parmelee saw Lije Stuart, yet the attraction to each other is still very evident. But in this sequel to *The Proud and the Free (RC 40764)*, Lije, now a Harvard graduate, is forced to return to his Cherokee Nation home without Diane, as the country heads toward civil war. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Sunset Express RC 43514
by Robert Crais
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
LAPD detective Angela Rossi says she recovered the murder weapon from the garden of the victim's husband. But since Rossi was once accused of planting evidence, Elvis Cole is hired to find holes in her story. He follows another trail of clues that draws him deeper into intrigue and danger. Strong language. 1996.

A Plague of Kinfolks: A Kate Mulcay Mystery RC 43520
by Celestine Sibley
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Atlanta reporter Kate Mulcay loves her log cabin and rustic solitude, but the peace is broken when her homeless kinfolk arrive. Then an old man disappears, a neighbor is murdered, and Kate is a suspect. Some strong language. 1995.

Say You Love Me RC 43553
by Johanna Lindsey
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
Kelsey Langton surprises herself by agreeing to be sold as a mistress to the highest bidder. But she believes it is the only way to help her uncle and younger sister. Kelsey is in for more shocks when she learns the identity of her "owner" and the secrets he harbors. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Blood and Thunder: A Nathan Heller Novel RC 43554
by Max Allan Collins
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
In this historical mystery set in 1935 Louisiana, detective Nate Heller is hired to guard Senator Huey Long. When Long is killed, the uncertain source of the fatal bullet leaves his widow's life insurance claim in limbo. Heller resolves the matter and unmasks the killer. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Chance RC 43559
by Robert B. Parker
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Thin Air (RC 40561)*, a Mafia boss asks Spenser and his sidekick, Hawk, to locate his missing son-in-law. The two sleuths begin an odyssey through the seamy streets of Las Vegas and find more than a missing person as they uncover larceny, homicide, and a plot to control gangland Boston. Strong language. 1996.

Legend RC 43560
by Jude Deveraux
read by Ann Hodapp
3 cassettes
Shortly before she is to marry, Kady Long impulsively buys an old flour tin. Inside it she discovers a well-preserved satin wedding dress, just the kind she's been looking for. She tries it on and suddenly finds herself transported in time to a harsh landscape where a man is about to be hanged. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1996.

For the Roses RC 43563
by Julie Garwood
read by Mitzi Friedlander
4 cassettes
Teenagers Adam, Douglas, Cole, and Travis are struggling to survive in the alleys of New York City in the 1860s when they discover an abandoned baby girl. Believing she would never survive in an orphanage, the boys decide to keep her, and name her Mary Rose. They become a "family," head west to Montana, and take up ranching. Then Lord Harrison MacDonald comes looking for a long-lost Lady Victoria. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

The Sea King's Daughter RC 43570
by Barbara Michaels
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A romantic suspense novel about a young American girl unexpectedly employed by her archaeologist father to dive illegally for Minoan artifacts. As many frightening accidents happen to her on the Greek island of Thera, she at first suspects ancient spirits but finally discovers that a live enemy wants her out of the way. Some strong language. 1975.

The Dirty War RC 43577
by Charles H. Slaughter
read by Barry Bernson
1 cassette
During the Argentine military coup of the late 1970s, two boys spend their days scheming to earn tips from yanqui tourists. When their friends and families become targets of the new regime, the boys are drawn into a stark world of political persecution and torture. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

The Flaming Corsage RC 43596
by William Kennedy
read by J.P. Linton
2 cassettes
This sequel to *Very Old Bones (RC 35384)* opens in 1908 with a murder-suicide by a husband who finds his wife in a hotel room under compromising circumstances. The story goes on to limn the complex romance and doomed marriage between an Irish Catholic writer and a high-born Protestant woman. Descriptions of sex. 1996.

Mazel RC 43628
by Rebecca Goldstein
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Seventyish Sasha Saunders believes in mazel—luck in Yiddish. In fact it is mazel that has gotten Sasha to this place in life—Lipton, New Jersey, where a granddaughter has recently married and is expecting her first child. And as they await the birth, Sasha looks back over her life as an actress in Poland between the world wars, and the luck that has brought her to this time. National Jewish Book Award. 1995.

The Forge RC 43658
by T.S. Stribling
read by Ilona Dulaski
3 cassettes
In this prequel to *The Store (RC 43211)*, an Alabama family, headed by slaveowner and cotton farmer Jimmie Vaiden, finds their southern way of life profoundly affected by the Civil War and its aftermath. Strong language. 1931.

The Best American Short Stories 1996 RC 43660
edited by John Edgar Wideman
read by Barry Bernson
3 cassettes
Twenty-four stories with multicultural themes by new and well-known writers. "The Eve of the Spirit Festival," by Lan Chang, chronicles the uneasy assimilation of an Asian widower and his two daughters. In Mary Gordon's "Intertextuality," a woman creates a vivid portrait of her Irish grandmother. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1996.

Lost Laysen RC 43670
by Margaret Mitchell
read by David Palmer
1 cassette
A biographical introduction and a novella, both presenting Mitchell writings first unveiled in 1995. The introduction includes letters from the *Gone with the Wind (RC 33082)* author to unsuccessful suitor Henry Love Angel. The novella, set in the South Pacific, tells of a feisty female missionary, her devoted suitor, and a smitten sailor. 1996.

The Partner RC 43685
by John Grisham
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
Four years ago, attorney Patrick Lanigan faked his own death and ran away with ninety million dollars belonging to his partners and a client. Now he's been found, tortured, sued by numerous parties including his wife, and charged with murder. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Hornet's Nest RC 43749
by Patricia Cornwell
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
Police chief Judy Hammer, deputy chief Virginia West, and young reporter Andy Brazil are perplexed by a serial killer who paints his victims' genitals orange. Pursuing a trail of odd clues, the trio tracks and brings down the culprit in a perilous climax. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1996.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

West by Covered Wagon: Retracing the Pioneer Trails RC 42951
by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
read by Gary Telles
1 cassette
Each year on Memorial Day weekend, a group of people in western Montana takes a wagon-train journey to recapture the spirit of the covered-wagon caravans of the 1800s. The author compares the modern-day journeys with those endured by the earlier travelers. For grades 3-6. 1995.

The True Adventure of Daniel Hall RC 42968
by Diane Stanley
read by Gary Telles
1 cassette
Growing up in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Daniel Hall constantly hears tales about the adventures of the men who sail on whaling ships. Just before his fifteenth birthday, Daniel signs on for a three-year voyage. Unfortunately the cruel captain mistreats Daniel, so Daniel and a friend flee the ship far from home. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Jungle Days, Jungle Nights RC 43120
by Tanis Jordan
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Describes some of the many animals and plants of the Amazon rain forest. Baby spectacled caimans use their special hatching tooth to break out of their eggs at dawn, a hummingbird drinks nectar in the sizzling heat, and a tiny mouse opossum cleans herself by moonlight. For grades K-3. 1993.

Tomie dePaola's Book of the Old Testament: New International Version RC 43163
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
DePaola presents twenty-one well-known Bible stories using the New International version. They include "Noah and the Great Flood," "The Tower of Babel," "The Israelites Cross the Red Sea," "David and Goliath," and "Daniel in the Den of Lions." For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1990.

Skin RC 43209
by Stephen Savage
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Describes the skin and other coverings of different animals. A rhinoceros's horn, a tortoise's shell, and an armadillo's armor are all made of skin cells. Other types of coverings include fur, feathers, scales, and spines. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Your Privacy: Protecting It in a Nosy World RC 43236
by Edward F. Dolan
read by Randy Wieck
1 cassette
Dolan explains that most people divulge personal facts when they go to a doctor, apply to a college, get a job, or buy a car. But he says such data can follow you for years and its unauthorized use is intrusive and wrong. Covers such privacy issues as school rules and dress codes. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

Be a Friend: Children Who Live with HIV Speak RC 43248
edited by Lori S. Wiener and others
read by Sharon Murray
1 cassette
Children and teenagers with HIV or with family members who have HIV write about their feelings. Heaven, God, friends, and medicine are among the topics discussed. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Animal Experimentation: Cruelty or Science? RC 43258
by Nancy Day
read by Andy Chappell
1 cassette
Explores the controversy over the issue of animal experimentation, stating the respective cases in support of and opposing such practices. Provides a historical view on the subject and describes alternative experimental methods that avoid vivisection. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1994.

The Storytelling Handbook: A Young People's Collection of Unusual Tales and Helpful Hints on How to Tell Them RC 43271
by Anne Pellowski
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
The author offers many suggestions for people who like to spin tales for family and friends. Covers selecting a story, practicing, and handling interruptions. Also includes several easy-to-tell stories. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1995.

Junior Girl Scout Handbook RC 43337
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
2 cassettes
An introduction to the world of Scouting for Junior Girl Scouts ages eight to eleven. Explains the history, traditions, ceremonies, and recognitions of Girl Scouting. Covers a range of subjects that include safety and health, life skills, leadership, sports, and outdoor activities. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Brownie Girl Scout Handbook RC 43339
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
2 cassettes
Handbook for Brownie Girl Scouts ages six through eight. Includes activities and stories to help girls learn about scouting, themselves, family, friends, their community, and the world around them. For grades K-3. 1993.

Cadette Girl Scout Handbook RC 43343
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
This official guide to Cadette Girl Scouting outlines the roots and tradi-

tions of Girl Scouting and covers such topics as healthy living and self-esteem, relationships with family and friends, life skills, and recreation. Explains the various Girl Scout awards and recognitions. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Girl Scout Badges and Signs RC 43344
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
2 cassettes
Instructions for earning up to ninety-eight badges in the five Girl Scout worlds of interest: well-being, people, today and tomorrow, arts, and the out-of-doors. Requirements for three signs are also included. For grades 4-7. 1990.

The Sea King: Sir Francis Drake and His Times RC 43355
by Albert Marrin
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
An account of the life of Francis Drake, England's famous mariner who was knighted in 1581 for his escapades as a pirate. Traces his achievements as an explorer, global circumnavigator, and military genius in the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Assesses his role in England's rise as a sea power. Violence. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

Two Lands, One Heart: An American Boy's Journey to His Mother's Vietnam RC 43365
by Jeremy Schmidt and Ted Wood
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
In 1975, a South Vietnamese girl and her brother and sister are separated from their father in a panicked crowd and are adopted by an American family. Years later, the girl, now grown, finds her Vietnamese parents and takes her son to visit them. This is the story of that trip. For grades 3-6. 1995.

It's a Girl Thing: How to Stay Healthy, Safe, and in Charge RC 43400
by Mavis Jukes
read by Camille McCurty Ali
1 cassette
The author believes that knowing what is going on with your body is important and reassuring and can help you stay healthy and safe. She explains in simple language what happens to a girl's body as she matures. Topics include breasts and bras, menstruation, boys and puberty, condoms, and sexually transmitted diseases. For grades 5-8. 1996.

When Plague Strikes: The Black Death, Smallpox, AIDS RC 43426
by James Cross Giblin
read by Jamie Horton
1 cassette
Profiles three epidemics—the bubonic plague, smallpox, and AIDS—that killed hundreds of thousands of people and wreaked havoc on the stricken societies. Portrays the suffering of the victims and the tendency to make them scapegoats. Tells how each plague led to advances in the treatment of disease. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1995.

All the Small Poems and Fourteen More RC 43430
by Valerie Worth
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Ninety-nine short poems for children. The verses describe things familiar to everyday life, like flowers, animals, and fences. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Michael Jordan: A Life above the Rim RC 43439
by Robert Lipsyte
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Recounts the career of Michael Jordan, a late bloomer who was cut from his high school basketball team but went on to become one of the nation's most successful players. Correlates Jordan's commercial value with the rise in popularity of the NBA and explores the use of sports stars in the marketing of products. For grades 5-8. 1994.

We Rode the Wind: Recollections of Native American Life RC 43440
edited by Jane B. Katz
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Selections from the autobiographies of eight nineteenth-century Native Americans of the Great Plains. They relate the legends, traditions, histories, and lives of the Plains Indians before the region was changed by white settlers. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

Maya Lin: Architect and Artist RC 43443
by Mary Malone
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Chronicles the life of Maya Lin, designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, also known as "the Wall." Explains her intentions as expressed in the Wall's design and recounts the early controversy over its unconventional form as a war memorial. Recounts her life and career accomplishments. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Wicked Jack RC 43448
retold by Connie Nordhielm Wooldridge
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Recounts the story of Wicked Jack, who was turned away by both St. Peter and the Devil, and how he came to be responsible for the mysterious light that one sees in the Great Dismal Swamp of Virginia and North Carolina. For grades K-3. 1995.

Fireworks: The Science, the Art, and the Magic RC 43519
by Susan Kuklin
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Introduces the art and science of pyrotechnics, taking the reader to the factory where the shells are loaded and through the two-day preparation for a twenty-two-minute fireworks show. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1996.

Cassettes Fiction

A Bear for All Seasons RC 42936
by Diane Marcial Fuchs
read by Gary Telles
1 cassette
Just as Bear is settling in for his long winter nap, his friend Fox knocks on the door. Fox is upset with winter and tries to convince Bear that it shouldn't be his favorite season. For grades K-3. 1995.

Touch Wood: A Girlhood in Occupied France RC 42958
by Renee Roth-Hano
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
The author recreates her girlhood experiences as a Jewish child in France during World War II. Written as a diary, her story takes her from the summer of

1940 when the Nazi invasion forces her family to flee, through a prolonged separation in which she and her sisters live in a home run by Catholic nuns, through the confusion of the Allied invasion, to her family's reunion in Paris. For grades 6-9. 1988.

Katy No-Pocket RC 42963
by Emmy Payne
read by Mary Kane
1 cassette
Katy is a kangaroo without a pocket. She tries to carry her son, Freddy, the way other types of animals carry their young, but nothing works. So Katy and Freddy head for the city to buy a pocket. For grades K-3. 1944.

Hope RC 43059
by LouAnn Gaeddert
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
In 1851, Hope and John Douglas, ages thirteen and nine, are taken in by the Shakers following the death of their mother, as their father is in California mining gold. Life is very different, but Hope realizes they are being treated kindly, and they must be thankful. But she still longs to hear from her father. For grades 3-6. 1995.

The Ch'i-lin Purse: A Collection of Ancient Chinese Stories RC 43070
retold by Linda Fang
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Retellings of nine stories and folktales whose sources include classic Chinese operas, novels, and legends. In "The Ho-shih Jade," two kings undergo a battle of wits to obtain a famous piece of jade. The physician in "The Miracle Doctor" seeks help from a monk for treating the one disease he cannot cure. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Millions of Cats RC 43117
by Wanda Gág
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Because his wife is lonely, an old man goes out to search for a kitten. Unable to choose, he returns with millions and billions and trillions of cats. For grades K-3. 1928.

Who's in Rabbit's House? RC 43125
by Verna Aardema
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette (Reissue)
A humorous African folk tale about poor rabbit, whose house is invaded by a mysterious creature with a "big, bad voice." For grades K-3. 1969.

Wan Hu Is in the Stars RC 43157
by Jennifer Armstrong
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
In ancient China, Wan Hu is a very distracted poet. While his mind is in the stars, he forgets to wear one shoe or to open his umbrella. People laugh at his foolish attempts to reach the heavens until the night he surprises everyone. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Selfish Giant RC 43158
by Oscar Wilde
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Children stop on their way home from school to play in the Giant's lovely garden, for the Giant is not at home. But when he returns, he forbids them to play there. They are so sad that Spring refuses to come into the garden, until one day a special visitor appears. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe RC 43165
by Penelope Lively
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette (Reissue)
A series of odd mishaps reveals that James Harrison has unwillingly become an apprentice to the ghost of a seventeenth-century sorcerer. For grades 4-7. 1973.

The Cottage at Bantry Bay RC 43184
by Hilda van Stockum
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette (Reissue)
The O'Sullivan family lives in a little cottage in Ireland where the children—Michael, Brigid, and the twins, Francie and Liam—enjoy hearing their father's stories, rescuing a dog from gypsies, and digging up buried treasure. Prequel to *Francie on the Run (RC 43185)*. For grades 4-6. 1938.

Nothing but Trouble RC 43214
by Betty Ren Wright
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
Vannie's parents are going to California to look for jobs, and she has been left with Aunt Bert for the summer. But Aunt Bert is cranky and doesn't like Vannie's yappy little dog, Muffy. As Aunt Bert and Vannie adjust to being together, prowlers begin playing pranks on Aunt Bert and Muffy disappears. For grades 2-4. 1995.

The Morning Chair RC 43247
by Barbara M. Joosse
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Bram is a little Dutch boy who lives with his parents in a seaside village. In 1950 Bram's family gets immigration papers to move to America. Bram's mother had told him about America while they sat in their morning chair and sipped tea. Now both chair and family have a new home. For grades K-3. 1995.

Oddly Enough: Stories RC 43249
by Bruce Coville
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Nine horror tales that variously involve an angel, unicorns, ghosts, and werewolves. In "The Box," an angel entrusts a mysterious box to a boy, who treasures it throughout his life without ever opening it. For grades 5-9. 1994.

When Pigs Fly RC 43252
by June Rae Wood
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
Buddy feels good about her class assignment to tend an egg for two weeks—she has had nurturing experience with her sister, who has Down's syndrome. Buddy is sad when her parents move to a run-down farm, but she makes new friends whose problems make Buddy appreciate her own blessings. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Bracelet RC 43257
by Yoshiko Uchida
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
In 1942 Emi and her family are being sent to a prison camp just because they are Japanese Americans. Emi's best friend, Laurie, gives Emi a bracelet to wear in camp so she'll always remember her. But on the first day at camp, Emi loses the bracelet. Now Emi wonders how she'll be able to remember her friend. For grades K-3. 1976.

Weather Eye RC 43259
by Lesley Howarth
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
It is 1999 and the weather is out of control. After experiencing a near-death revelation, thirteen-year-old Telly loses all fear and logs onto the Weather Eye computer network to lead her fellow teens in calming the elements through meditation. Both Telly and the weather are transformed. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Sniper RC 43260
by Theodore Taylor
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
Left in charge of his parents' wild-animal preserve while they travel in Africa, fifteen-year-old Ben Jepson is determined to prove to his parents that he is capable of the job. But when the chief animal handler is critically injured and a sniper begins to pick off the wild cats, Ben's responsibilities and troubles nearly overwhelm him. For grades 5-7. 1989.

My Mama Had a Dancing Heart RC 43268
by Libba Moore Gray
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
A ballet dancer remembers her mother's love of dancing. They would go outside and dance whenever it was a "tip-tapping song-singing finger-snapping kind of a day." For grades K-3. 1995.

Gluskabe and the Four Wishes RC 43269
retold by Joseph Bruchac
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
An Abenaki Indian tale of three foolish men and one wise man, each of whom seeks a wish from Gluskabe, helper of the Great Spirit. Their wishes are fulfilled in unexpected ways, thus conveying a moral lesson to the reader. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1995.

My Brother the Ghost RC 43270
by Suzanne Weyn
read by John Polk
1 cassette
When Sara and Michael Buckner move with their parents into their grandmother's house, they've already heard rumors that it is haunted. The first day there they encounter a ghost who begins trying to take Michael's place. Because their parents won't believe them, Sara and Michael must stop the ghost themselves. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Cabin 102 RC 43304
by Sherry Garland
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old Dusty is afraid of water, and that presents quite a problem when his stepmother wins a Caribbean cruise. In fact Dusty has never told anyone of his fears. But the situation changes when he discovers a ghost in cabin 102. For grades 5-8. 1995.

A Sound of Chariots RC 43357
by Mollie Hunter
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Nine-year-old Bridie McShane is one of five children in her Scottish family, and her father's favorite. But when her father dies, Bridie agonizes over the finality of death and is overwhelmed with grief. Her teacher, Mrs. Mackie, however, recognizes Bridie's gift for writing and challenges her to develop her talent. For grades 6-9. 1972.

My First Love RC 43383
by Callie West
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
Junior Amy Wyse works hard to maintain good grades and her place on the swim team in hopes of getting a college scholarship. In fact she has had little time for boys. But when Chris Shepherd asks Amy out, she forgets her goals and gets carried away with dating. Suddenly Amy's grades begin to drop, and she loses her status as a top-notch swimmer. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Coast to Coast with Alice RC 43386
by Patricia Rusch Hyatt
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A fictional journal sixteen-year-old Minna might have written during a two-month auto trip in 1909. Auto enthusiast Alice Ramsey, twenty-one, is asked by the Maxwell car company to be the first woman to drive across the United States. Minna and Alice's two sisters-in-law come along. For grades 3-6. 1995.

What My Sister Remembered RC 43389
by Marilyn Sachs
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
Eight years ago, Molly and her older sister Beth were in an accident that killed their parents. Molly was adopted by her aunt and uncle, while Beth was adopted by the nurse who cared for her in the hospital. Now Beth and her mother are visiting, and both girls are resentful. For grades 5-8. 1992.

Beware the Ravens, Aunt Morbelia RC 43423
by Joan Carris
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Aunt Morbelia and the Screaming Skulls*, Todd and his friend Jeff accompany Aunt Morbelia to her spooky family estate in England. While the three try to decipher Morbelia's cousin's strange journal, they realize they are being stalked. For grades 4-7. 1995.

My Ol' Man RC 43453
by Patricia Polacco
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
During a summer spent in Michigan with their dad and their grandma, Patricia and her brother, Richard, eagerly await their father's wonderful stories. Then their yarn-spinning Da loses his job, and they find a special rock that brings them magic. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Great Dad Disaster RC 43454
by Betsy Haynes
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
In this sequel to *The Great Mom Swap (RC 29160)*, eighth-graders Scotti Wheeler and Lorna Markham are asked out by the boys of their dreams. Lorna's parents are happy for her, but Scotti's father is not at all pleased! For grades 6-9. 1994.

Dakota Spring RC 43465
by D. Anne Love
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
Caroline and Jess have lost their mother, and now their father has been seriously injured building a barn. Both chil-

dren struggle to get along with their prim and proper grandmother, who has reluctantly come to their farm in the Dakota prairie to take care of the family. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Utterly Yours, Booker Jones RC 43487
by Betsy Duffey
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Booker Jones, twelve, is a writer. He has already sent two books to a publisher, and he is working on his third one: *Space Cows*. However, Booker is experiencing writer's block, which started when Pop moved into Booker's room and Booker began living under the dining room table. And to make things worse, he now has to write a speech for a school rally. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Pilgrim's Progress: A Retelling RC 43496
retold by Gary D. Schmidt
read by Gordon Gould
1 cassette
The tale, written by John Bunyan in 1675, recounts Christian's journey, the adventures he has on his pilgrimage, and the ups and downs he experiences in his quest for spiritual grace. Rewritten in contemporary language. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

Schoolhouse Mystery RC 43506
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
The Aldens are planning their summer vacation when Benny's friend Max comments that the Aldens always have an adventure on their trips. But Max doesn't think the Aldens will find anything exciting in the tiny fishing village his father visits on the northern coast. But of course the Aldens do. For grades 3-6. 1965.

The Deserted Library Mystery RC 43507
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
Grandfather Alden wants the old Rock Falls library to become a landmark instead of being leveled. So the Alden children head to the village to clean the building. When they enter the library, they discover that they are not alone. For grades 4-7. 1991.

The Woodshed Mystery RC 43508
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
School is almost over, and the Aldens are thinking about their summer plans. Then Aunt Jane calls saying she wants to move back East and asking Grandfather Alden to buy her a farm. Fortunately the farm Grandfather and Aunt Jane grew up on is for sale. But a mystery surrounds it, and no one seems to stay there for very long. For grades 3-6. 1962.

Mystery in the Sand RC 43510
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
While their aunt and uncle travel to Africa, the four Alden children get to stay in the couple's mobile home on the beach. After befriending an elderly man with a metal detector, Benny finds a locket in the sand. It seems to belong to someone in the large mysterious house in town, but the reclusive woman living there won't speak with the children. For grades 3-6. 1971.

Mystery behind the Wall RC 43511
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
Benny is bored only one week into his summer vacation. Grandfather Alden's housekeeper, Mrs. McGregor, comes up with a wonderful plan to invite a Canadian boy, Rory, to visit for the summer. While devising a way to pass messages between their rooms, the boys discover a clue to a long-missing coin collection. For grades 3-6. 1973.

Mystery Ranch RC 43512
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
Grandfather Alden has a sister who hasn't spoken to him in years. Now she wants his grandchildren to come visit her ranch. The four Alden children have such a good effect on their grumpy great-aunt that she decides to give them her ranch. But first there is a mystery to solve. For grades 3-6. 1958.

The View from Saturday RC 43549
by E.L. Konigsburg
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
Mrs. Olinski is hard-pressed to explain how she selected the four students who will represent the sixth grade in the Academic Bowl. But her choice of the four calling themselves "The Souls" was excellent. As the students prepare and compete, each reveals a reason for being part of the team. For grades 4-6. Newbery Award. 1996.

Pippi Longstocking's After-Christmas Party RC 43564
by Astrid Lindgren
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
First published in Sweden in 1950, this story continues the adventures of young Pippi Longstocking, who lives in a house called Villa Villekulla with her monkey and her horse. When she posts an invitation to an after-Christmas party, all of the town children are ecstatic. For grades K-3. 1995.

Across the Wide Dark Sea: The *Mayflower* Journey RC 43568
by Jean Van Leeuwen
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
A fictionalized account of a young boy's trip to America with his family on the *Mayflower* in 1620. Once there, the settlers begin making a new life for themselves. For grades K-3. 1995.

Gulf RC 43584
by Robert Westall
read by James DeLotel
1 cassette
Young Tom and Andy are brothers in an ordinary English family. During the Gulf War in 1991, Tom notices that Andy is behaving in bizarre ways—scratching imagined lice on his body and speaking in Arabic. It turns out that Andy psychically identifies with a doomed Iraqi boy who is fighting in the war. Violence. For grades 5-8. 1992.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff RC 43600
by P.C. Asbjornsen and J.E. Moe
read by John Horton
1 cassette (Reissue)
A Norwegian folk tale about three goats who must pass over a bridge inhabited by a mean troll. For grades K-3. 1957.

The Old Man and His Door RC 43604
by Gary Soto
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
An old Mexican man has a habit of not listening too closely to his wife. One day she tells him to bring a puerco (which means "pig") to the picnic. He thinks she said a puerto, which means "door." As he carries the door to the picnic, he has a lot of adventures. For grades K-3. 1996.

Grandpa's Song RC 43610
by Tony Johnston
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Grandpa is big and happy and loves to sing in a very loud voice. He makes up the best song in the world, which is about him singing. When Grandpa begins to forget things, his grandchildren help him remember his songs. For preschool-grade 2. 1991.

Fireflies, Peach Pies, and Lullabies RC 43613
by Virginia Kroll
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
Francie's great-grandmother can't remember how to do things anymore, and Francie is afraid people will remember Great-Granny Annabel only as an empty shell of a person. But at Great-Granny Annabel's funeral, Francie finds a way to help everyone remember something special. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

Tchaikovsky Discovers America RC 43617
by Esther Kalman
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Jenny Petroff, who shares her birthday with Tchaikovsky, turns eleven on May 7, 1891. One of her presents is to attend a concert conducted by Tchaikovsky at the new Music Hall in New York City. Another is money from an uncle in Chicago. Jenny uses the money to buy a diary in which she records memories of her time with Tchaikovsky during his visit to America. For grades 2-4. 1994.

Moving Days RC 43619
by Marc Harshman
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette
As a boy's family prepares to move out of the only house he's known, he becomes sad about what he is leaving behind. For grades 2-4. 1994.

The Case of the Absent Author RC 43620
by E.W. Hildick
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
Bill Smith, aka Bill Legrand the author, is missing. His agent, Sheldon Byrne, has asked the McGurk Organization to investigate. McGurk and his officers appeared in Legrand's last book, and it seems Legrand left clues to his whereabouts that he knew McGurk could figure out. For grades 3-6. 1995.

The Witness RC 43622
by Robert Westall
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
A cat considered to be a goddess in Egypt is stolen and taken to Judea, where she escapes. Cold and pregnant, the cat finds refuge in a stable. There she meets Joseph and Mary, who is about to give birth to Jesus. For grades K-3. 1986.

Night Rabbits RC 43625
by Monica Wellington
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
The day is ending, but two little rabbits are still awake. They hop through the garden and into the cornfield and the orchard. And along the way they meet a raccoon, an owl, and a fox. Then the thunder and crashing of the rain send them home to snuggle and cuddle. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

The Secret Oceans RC 43637
by Betty Ballantine
read by John Stratton
1 cassette
An international team of scientists boards a high-tech submersible on an expedition to communicate with whales. The team encounters the cetasapiens, a previously unknown type of super-dolphin, from whom they learn much about the creatures of the deep and the fragile ecology of the oceans. For grades 5-8. 1994.

The Shark Callers RC 43641
by Eric Campbell
read by John Stratton
1 cassette
Two boys' lives converge at sea against the backdrop of a volcano eruption and tidal wave near New Guinea. As young Andy Thompson heads his dinghy toward shore from his family's damaged boat, the native boy Kaleku is on his first voyage as a shark caller. Both boys face the daunting hazards of sea and of sharks. For grades 6-9. 1994.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

El Amo del Juego RC 40890
por Sidney Sheldon
leído por Juan Ramirez
4 cassettes
Saga familiar de la dinastía Blackwell que se desarrolla a lo largo de un siglo. La historia se traza desde las minas de diamantes de Sudáfrica hacia París, Nueva York e Inglaterra. Se centra en la astuta Kate Blackwell, cabeza de un gran conglomerado internacional, que sigue los pasos de su padre, dirigiendo hábilmente tanto sus negocios como su vida privada. Lenguaje injurioso y descripciones explícitas de índole sexual. (Family saga of the Blackwell dynasty takes place over a period of a hundred years and shifts from the diamond fields of South Africa to Paris, New York, and England. Focuses on the wily Kate Blackwell, head of a great international conglomerate, who follows in her father's footsteps, shrewdly ruling her business and private life. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.) 1983.

El Caso Bourne RC 40891
por Robert Ludlum
leído por Juan Ramirez
5 cassettes
Una escalofriante aventura de espionaje. Tras ser rescatado en una tormenta del Mediterráneo, con una herida en la cabeza que le produce amnesia, el protagonista lucha por descubrir su propia

identidad. Su única pista es una tira de película que aparece cosida en su piel que muestra el número de una cuenta bancaria de Zurich bajo el nombre de "Bourne." Violencia y lenguaje injurioso. (An adventure thriller of espionage. Rescued from a Mediterranean storm with a head wound that has induced amnesia, the protagonist struggles to discover his identity. His only clue is a strip of film, found sewn into his skin, bearing a Zurich bank account number under the name "Bourne." Violence and some strong language.) 1984.

Ojos de Fuego RC 40893
por Stephen King
leído por Juan Ramirez
4 cassettes
En 1969, Andy McGee y Vicky Tomlinson participaron en un experimento con drogas llevado a cabo por una agencia gubernamental supersecreta conocida como El Taller. Se casan y tienen una hija quien, a los dos años de edad. prende fuego a su osito de peluche sólo con mirarlo. Cuando la niña llega a los ocho años, sus padres han conseguido controlar su piroquinesia, pero El Taller quiere utilizarla como arma y envía a sus agentes en una implacable búsqueda para encontrarla. Violencia y lenguaje injurioso. (In 1969 Andy McGee and Vicky Tomlinson participate in a drug experiment run by a supersecret government agency known as the Shop. They marry and have a little girl who, when she is two, sets her teddy bear on fire by looking at it. By the time she is eight, her parents have her pyrokinesis under control. But the Shop wants this weapon and sends their agents on a ruthless chase to find her. Violence and some strong language.) 1985.

Christine RC 40894
por Stephen King
leído por Juan Ramirez
5 cassettes
Escalofriante y macabra historia ambientada en Pittsburgh en 1978. Por 250 dólares, el joven Arnie Cunningham compra al siniestro anciano Roland D. LeBay un automóvil Plymouth Fury del 58. Arnie llega a sentir una devoción completa por su automóvil al que llama "Christine." Pero comienzan a suceder cosas horripilantes cuando "Christine" da muestras de una terrible vida propia. Lenguaje injurioso y algunas descripciones de índole sexual. (Chilling, macabre love tragedy set in 1978 in Pittsburgh centers on teenage misfit Arnie Cunningham and his devotion to and ultimate possession by his 1958 Plymouth Fury, "Christine." Eerie things happen from the day that Arnie buys it for $250 from creepy old Roland D. LeBay. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.) 1983.

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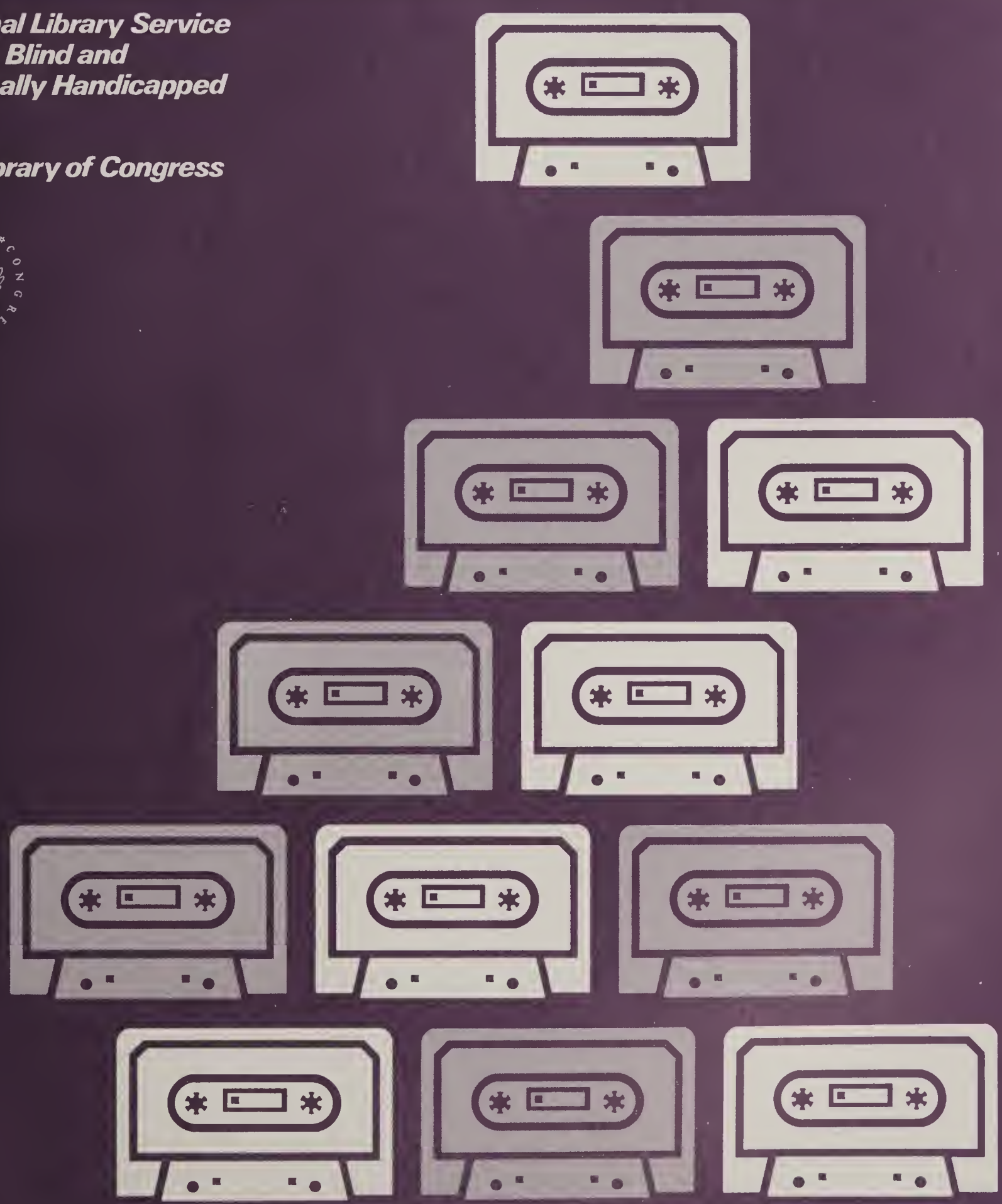

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The Nixon Memo: Political Respectability, Russia, and the Press RC 39938
by Marvin Kalb
read by Larry Shapiro
2 cassettes
The "memo" written by President Nixon early in 1992 outlined his ideas about what the United States must do to support Russia and the consequences of not doing so. Kalb analyzes Nixon's hostility toward the press, his manipulation of American foreign policy and politicians, and his final effort to restore his tarnished image through the dissemination of this memo. 1994.

How to Listen to God RC 39962
by Charles Stanley
read by Jeff Halberstadt
1 cassette
For many people, the author says, the joy of hearing God speak to them is sometimes obscured by the noise and confusion of daily life. Stanley offers help in learning how to distinguish God's voice from others and how to listen to him through his scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and fellow godly people. He also shows ways in which God gets people's attention and explains what can happen to those who do not listen to God. 1985.

When Memory Fails: Helping the Alzheimer's and Dementia Patient RC 39971
by Allen Jack Edwards
read by Jeff Halberstadt
2 cassettes
Gerontologist addresses dementia patients and their caregivers and families. Using language accessible to the layperson, Edwards provides background information including early warning signs, and discusses diagnosis, causes, effects, and questions to ask a healthcare professional. He then examines the psychological and physical needs of patients and the impact of those needs on the caregiver. 1994.

A Wedding in Hell: Poems RC 39978
by Charles Simic
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Spare verse creates a kaleidoscope of images in this collection of late-twentieth-century poems that live in the present and dream of the past. The television screen displays horrors on the evening news "like a meat stall covered

with flies." Naked lovers laugh, while the wine dribbles down their chins and she "stirs the shrimp on the stove." And a child pleases his mother with his tale of a "heroic moment" from Greek mythology. 1994.

That Kind of Danger RC 39979
by Donna Masini
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
Winner of the 1993 Barnard New Women Poets Prize. Unlikely urban places, including construction sites and a dark basement, form the settings of these poems. But the noise ("sandblast, jackhammer, the city making itself over") and violence ("a leather jacket, handgun followed me up the stairs") that permeate life in the city are relieved by sweetness ("I laugh—at nothing—the way a baby laughs at wallpaper"). Some strong language. 1994.

The Hurry-Up Song: A Memoir of Losing My Brother RC 39996
by Clifford Chase
read by Dick Jenkins
2 cassettes
Although Chase had other siblings, he was closest to Ken, who was six years older. The family moved frequently, and Ken and Clifford developed a fantasy kingdom from which they shut out the world of parents who never seemed to have time for them. As they became adults and admitted to being gay, they grew even closer, until Ken contracted AIDS, forcing Clifford to adjust to a realignment of family alliances. 1995.

A Stroke of Genius: Illness and Self-Discovery RC 40000
by Paul West
read by Randy Means
1 cassette
The novelist presents "a rhapsody on the mystery of health and a newfound awareness that is the hard-earned gift of chronic illness." West discusses his illnesses—migraines, stroke, diabetes, and heart disease—sometimes seriously but often with humor and offers critical observations on the medical personnel he encounters in the process. 1995.

Schoolgirls: Young Women, Self-Esteem, and the Confidence Gap RC 40587
by Peggy Orenstein
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes
When journalist Orenstein read the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) 1990 study that told of widespread low self-esteem in young girls, she wanted to learn about the people and the stories behind the statistics. With the support of AAUW, she spent a year observing this trait in eighth-grade girls from two California schools, chosen to reflect the system-wide division by race and economic class. 1994.

Beating Murphy's Law: The Amazing Science of Risk RC 40677
by Bob Berger
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
How to use risk theory, a "scientific way of dealing with risks," to feel more certain. Explained are the primary tools and terms used by risk assessors, including averages, cause and effect, and unbiased samples. The author uses his

own courtship to humorously illustrate his points. Some strong language. 1994.

Love, Alice: My Life as a Honeymooner RC 40678
by Audrey Meadows and Joe Daley
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Memoirs by the actress who played Alice on the television show *The Honeymooners*. Meadows recalls fellow actors, hilarious episodes during rehearsals, backstage jokes, and anecdotes about New York in the fifties. Written mainly as a tribute to Jackie Gleason, also known as Ralph Kramden. 1994.

All-American Boy: A Memoir RC 40680
by Scott Peck
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
As a small boy, Peck was asked at school who he wanted to marry, and he answered "Allan." After that, he hated and hid his attraction to boys. He tells of his abusive stepfather, troubled mother, and estranged father—marine colonel Frank Peck—and of immersing himself in religion. In college, Peck accepted his homosexuality just before his father testified against allowing gays in the military. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Serving in Silence RC 40681
by Margarethe Cammermeyer and Chris Fisher
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes
In 1989, forty-seven-year-old Cammermeyer was a colonel in the U.S. Army and chief nurse of the Washington State National Guard when she was discharged for admitting during a security-clearance interview that she was a lesbian. Cammermeyer, a divorced mother of four who had discovered her sexual preference only a year earlier, gives her life story, including her fight to be reinstated. 1994.

Searching for Mercy Street: My Journey Back to My Mother, Anne Sexton RC 40700
by Linda Gray Sexton
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
Memoir of poet Anne Sexton by her daughter Linda Gray Sexton, novelist and editor of her mother's works. Anne Sexton would not let anything keep her from writing—not an abusive marriage, a stay in a mental hospital, or the duties of motherhood. Linda comes to terms with growing up in a dysfunctional family and with her mother's suicide in 1974. Some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890–1940 RC 40701
by George Chauncey
read by Ray Hagen
4 cassettes
Historian from the University of Chicago discusses gay life in New York City prior to World War II. He dispels the myth that before the 1969 Stonewall Inn uprising the gay movement was isolated, invisible, and internalized. He draws upon police reports, oral histories, medical records, and newspapers to show that many bars, bathhouses, rooming houses, and restaurants catered to gays. 1994.

Bamboula! The Life and Times of Louis Moreau Gottschalk RC 42095
by S. Frederick Starr
read by Annie Wauters
5 cassettes
Portrait of a nineteenth-century American composer and piano virtuoso

known internationally for his popular multicultural musical style and at home for his scandalous personal life. The author traces the influences of both family and the New Orleans environment on Gottschalk, examining why, though he was extremely successful, he was never taken seriously. 1995.

The Norton History of Chemistry
RC 42496
by William H. Brock
read by Anne Flosnik
5 cassettes
A comprehensive chronology of the development of knowledge in the science of chemistry, from its emergence in ancient alchemy to the insights of modern chemistry. Incorporates biographical sketches and assesses social impacts. Brock hopes to highlight the significance of scientific discoveries in human history. 1992.

A Diary of the Century: Tales from America's Greatest Diarist RC 42537
by Edward Robb Ellis
read by Robert Sams
5 cassettes
A reporter's candid and passionate account of American life as recorded in his sixty-eight-year diary—the largest one in the United States. Ellis recounts his interactions with presidents, movie stars, religious leaders, and murderers. He provides fresh perspectives on events and personalities of the twentieth century. 1995.

Fisher's Face; or, Getting to Know the Admiral RC 42542
by Jan Morris
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
A lively biography of Lord Admiral John "Jacky" Fisher, the genius who transformed the Royal Navy into the world's premier sea power just in time for World War I. Portrays the enigmatic Fisher as religious, flamboyant, humorous, cruel, and eerily prescient about future wars and warfare. 1995.

The Last Great Victory: The End of World War II, July/August 1945
RC 42696
by Stanley Weintraub
read by John Rayburn
6 cassettes
Writing like a historical novelist, Weintraub recounts the epochal events of the final month of World War II. He provides a blow-by-blow narrative as millions of Germans flee the vengeful Communists, the *Enola Gay* mission devastates Hiroshima, Russians invade Manchuria, and much more. 1995.

Life of a Poet: Rainer Maria Rilke
RC 42795
by Ralph Freedman
read by Kimberly Schraf
6 cassettes
This biography of the notable European poet is divided into two "books": "The Young Poet" and "The Master." Freedman details the contradictions between the poet's inspired work and his heartless treatment of those around him. Rilke's great works and extensive travels are chronicled, as well as his numerous affairs and courting of wealthy benefactors. 1996.

Alien Nation: Common Sense about America's Immigration Disaster
RC 42957
by Peter Brimelow
read by Michael Consoli
3 cassettes
Born English, the *Forbes* and *National Review* editor castigates United States

immigration policies, especially the 1965 amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. He charges that the influx of non-Europeans threatens national identity, will cause ethnic wars, and will drain the nation's economic resources. 1995.

Selected Letters of Paul Hindemith
RC 43111
by Paul Hindemith
read by Michael Consoli
3 cassettes
The first English translation of correspondence by this twentieth-century modernist German composer, musician, teacher, and organizer of contemporary music concerts. Fleeing Nazi Germany, where his work was banned as "decadent," Hindemith emigrated to the United States, where he taught at Yale. Much of the correspondence comes from this period in exile before his eventual return to Europe as part of the postwar rebuilding effort. 1995.

Comrade Criminal: Russia's New Mafiya RC 43136
by Stephen Handelman
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Handelman, former Moscow bureau chief for the *Toronto Star*, draws on interviews with Russian police, mobsters, former KGB agents, and ordinary citizens to portray rampant lawlessness and corruption. As illegal fortunes are amassed and violence spreads, Handelman blames the tradition of extra-legal dealings under communism, weak law enforcement since, and the opportunism of those displaced by the changes. 1995.

The Thoughts of Blaise Pascal
RC 43161
by Blaise Pascal
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
This work, first published by friends after the death of this French scientist in 1670, is a defense of the Christian religion. Chiefly interested in mathematics and physics during his early years, Pascal had a mystical conversion and became associated with a reform movement within the Catholic Church. This classic of French literature deals with his philosophical and religious reflections. 1978.

Living with the Dead: Twenty Years on the Bus with Garcia and the Grateful Dead
RC 43173
by Rock Scully and David Dalton
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
An original manager of the Grateful Dead rock band reminisces about the group's evolution from folk revivalists to concert rockers. With humor and insight, he recreates twenty years of sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll, and describes the various members of the Dead, primarily Jerry Garcia. Strong language. 1996.

A Separate Creation: The Search for the Biological Origins of Sexual Orientation
RC 43266
by Chandler Burr
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
Reviews evidence yielded by scientific research as to the physiological basis of sexual orientation. Examines the genetic dimension of homosexuality and the influence of hormones in sexual development. Considers the social, political,

and legal ramifications of the research findings. 1996.

Rewrites: A Memoir RC 43297
by Neil Simon
read by Lewis Grenville
3 cassettes
Playwright Simon tells of his career and personal life up to 1973 when his beloved wife of twenty years died of cancer. Although Simon's career started in television writing and took him to California, his roots and his favorite subject matter are in his native New York. Some strong language. Bestseller 1996.

The Republic of Letters: The Correspondence between Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, 1776–1826 RC 43300
edited by James Morton Smith
read by Ralph Lowenstein
18 cassettes
A chronological record of the nearly 1,250 letters exchanged between the nation's third and fourth presidents over fifty years. Provides insights into the characters, events, and issues of the period. Shows how Jefferson and Madison linked the theory of democracy with the practice of government. 1995.

The Guide for Junior Girl Scout Leaders RC 43341
by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
read by Nona Pipes
3 cassettes
A Girl-Scouting handbook for adult leaders who work with girls ages eight to eleven. Provides basic information on the history, goals, and organization of Girl Scouting. Contains a complete edition of the Junior Girl Scout Handbook, featuring chapters on safety and health, life skills, leadership, and activities. 1994.

The All-American Skin Game; or, The Decoy of Race: The Long and the Short of It, 1990–1994 RC 43348
by Stanley Crouch
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Collection of essays by an African American intellectual and columnist. Crouch examines issues involving race in American society, delving into such topics as Afrocentrism, feminism, and the role of the "outlaw" in American democracy. He also considers African American film, music, literature, and politics. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Beautiful Loot: The Soviet Plunder of Europe's Art Treasures RC 43362
by Konstantin Akinsha and Grigorii Kozlov
read by Ken Kliban
2 cassettes
The authors, art historians and former Soviet museum curators, allege the Soviets stole more than two million pieces of art from Germany near the end of World War II. The loot included the famous "Trojan gold" excavated by Heinrich Schliemann in the 1870s and masterworks by Botticelli, El Greco, Rembrandt, Renoir, and Degas. 1995.

The French Secret Services: From the Dreyfus Affair to the Gulf War RC 43366
by Douglas Porch
read by Steven Carpenter
4 cassettes
Porch examines intelligence services in modern French history, tracing their roots to Napoleon and analyzing their impact on government and the military during two world wars and colonial rule in Africa and Southeast Asia. He docu-

ments successes, such as the Resistance in World War II, as well as failures, such as the infamous Dreyfus affair. 1995.

Rosa Lee: A Mother and Her Family in Urban America RC 43381
by Leon Dash
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
The story of Rosa Lee Cunningham and her large extended family who daily battle survival in the grim housing projects of Washington, D.C. *Washington Post* reporter Leon Dash documents four years of their impoverished life, including experience with crime, drugs, and imprisonment. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning series. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Best American Poetry, 1994 RC 43427
edited by A.R. Ammons and David Lehman
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Collection of seventy-five poems edited by a prominent American poet. Selections include Charles Bukowski's "me against the world," May Swenson's "Sleeping with Boa," and Nobel-laureate chemist Roald Hoffman's contemplation on glass, "Deceptively like a Solid." Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Jesse: The Life and Pilgrimage of Jesse Jackson RC 43429
by Marshall Frady
read by Jake Williams
5 cassettes
Portrait of an ambitious and controversial figure of pulpit and politics who transcended the stigma of poverty and illegitimacy in the segregated South to achieve national prominence. Traces his early years, his entry into activist politics in the 1960s, and his emergence as an enduring political and social leader. 1996.

Rebecca West: A Life RC 43434
by Carl Rollyson
read by Jill Ferris
4 cassettes
Story of the twentieth-century journalist, novelist, critic, and feminist who was born Cicily Fairfield and whose works include a 1941 novel on Yugoslavia, *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon (RC 20067)*. Rollyson chronicles West's literary career and her affairs with such celebrities as Charlie Chaplin, John Gunther, and H.G. Wells. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Dinosaur in a Haystack: Reflections in Natural History RC 43457
by Stephen Jay Gould
read by Jake Williams
4 cassettes
Scientific essays that link "alluring detail with instructive generality" to convey insights into nature, life, and social trends. Includes such diverse topics as evolutionary theory, baseball, Edgar Allan Poe, Frankenstein, and snails. 1995.

Street Soldier: One Man's Struggle to Save a Generation—One Life at a Time RC 43459
by Joseph Marshall and Lonnie Wheeler
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
Marshall's account of his crusade to save kids at risk in black, urban America. As a teacher in the 1960s, Joe Marshall grew tired of seeing his students fall prey to gangs, drugs, and crime. So he founded the Omega Boys Club to

give these kids a way out. Strong language. 1996.

The IRA: A History RC 43464
by Tim Pat Coogan
read by Graeme Malcolm
5 cassettes
Chronicles the development of the Irish Republican Army from the 1916 Easter Rising to the April 1993 bombing of London's financial district. Details the politics and guerilla campaigns and conveys the author's view of the situation's moral ambiguity. Calls for a United Nations solution to the troubles in Northern Ireland. Violence. 1993.

Mukiwa: A White Boy in Africa RC 43466
by Peter Godwin
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
Memoir of a war correspondent on his 1960s boyhood in Rhodesia during the twilight of white rule. Recounts his discovery of a neighbor killed by African guerillas, and the eruption of civil war that created black-ruled Zimbabwe. Strong language and violence. 1996.

The Life and Death of Yukio Mishima RC 43467
by Henry Scott-Stokes
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
First published in 1974. Life story of the prolific twentieth-century Japanese writer. Scott-Stokes reccounts Mishima's unhappy childhood plagued by ill health, his early ground-breaking literary successes, and his preoccupation with imperialism and nihilism that ultimately led to his 1970 public suicide in front of his private army, the Tatenokai. Some violence. 1995.

Don't Block the Blessings: Revelations of a Lifetime RC 43489
by Patti LaBelle
read by Gail Nelson
2 cassettes
A portrait of the Grammy-winning singer of soul, gospel, and pop music. Traces her early career with the Blue Belles in the 1960s, as leader of LaBelle in the 1970s, and as a solo performer in later years. Recounts the tragedies and the personal guilt that beset her life. Bestseller 1996.

The Central Banks RC 43491
by Marjorie Deane and Robert Pringle
read by Frank Coffee
3 cassettes
An overview of the international financial mechanism of central banks, which has developed over the past century. Explains how central banks regulate interest rates, control money supplies, and monitor commercial banks. Examines the recent challenges of high-tech financial markets and post-Soviet market economies. 1994.

Holy War: The Crusades and Their Impact on Today's World RC 43492
by Karen Armstrong
read by Robert Blumenfeld
5 cassettes
A historical account of the medieval Crusades, which the author asserts spawned a cycle of religious conflicts in the Middle East that continues in the twentieth century. Gives a "triple vision" of the history of holy war for Christians, Jews, and Muslims. 1991.

The Wonders of America: Reinventing Jewish Culture, 1880–1950 RC 43493
by Jenna Weissman Joselit
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Portrays Jewish immigrants as they adapted their traditions and customs to the new environment of America from 1880 to 1950. Describes the evolution of religious rituals and ceremonies, holiday observances, dietary practices, and other aspects of the Jewish American experience. 1994.

Fascism: A History RC 43499
by Roger Eatwell
read by Frank Coffee
3 cassettes
A history of fascism in the twentieth century. Eatwell examines the birth of fascist ideology, its rise between world wars in Italy and Germany, and its failure in France and England. He also documents the persistence of postwar fascism in Europe as well as the United States, arguing its importance as a third political force alongside liberal democracy and communism. 1995.

A New Prescription for Women's Health: Getting the Best Medical Care in a Man's World RC 43502
by Bernadine Healy
read by Catherine Byers
4 cassettes
A noted physician entreats women to become informed on medical issues that affect them and to take charge of their own health care. Presents ten key health challenges facing women, including nutrition, reproductive health, cancer, depression, and heart disease. Discusses symptoms and treatments and offers questions for women to ask their doctors. 1995.

Emerson among the Eccentrics: A Group Portrait RC 43503
by Carlos Baker
read by Gordon Gould
5 cassettes
This group biography traces the daily lives and relationships of the Transcendentalist writers of Concord, Massachusetts, from the 1830s to the 1870s. Draws from diaries and correspondence of Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Margaret Fuller, Bronson Alcott, and other colleagues of Ralph Waldo Emerson. 1996.

Ideology of Death: Why the Holocaust Happened in Germany RC 43516
by John Weiss
read by Ted Stoddard
4 cassettes
Explores the historical base of German anti-Jewish racism that Weiss argues led to the Holocaust. Traces the evolution of Christian anti-Semitism from Martin Luther to the rise of Hitler, integrating political and social history. Rejects the claim of "No Hitler, no Holocaust." 1996.

The Dream of Water: A Memoir RC 43518
by Kyoko Mori
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes
Mori tells how she fled Japan for America when she was twenty, escaping cruel treatment by her father and harsh memories of the place where her mother committed suicide. Thirteen years later, she returns to explore her homeland, reunites with relatives, and comes to terms with her tortured relationship with her father. 1995.

The Lonely Hunter: A Biography of Carson McCullers RC 43555
by Virginia Spencer Carr
read by Mitzi Friedlander
6 cassettes
A portrait of American author Carson McCullers reviews her life from childhood in rural Georgia to the release of her acclaimed first novel and through the successes and tragedies of her later years. Draws on interviews with W.H. Auden, Tennessee Williams, and others in McCullers's literary circle. 1975.

The Informed Investor's Tax-Planning Guide RC 43562
by Kenneth J. Soderman
read by John Richardson
3 cassettes
A structured handbook describing tax rules and tax-planning strategies for financial professionals and individual investors. Covers the tax-wise use of investments, retirement plans, interest deductions, and life insurance. Includes an encyclopedia of investment-related tax terms and references. 1994.

Hazardous Duty: America's Most Decorated Living Soldier Reports from the Front and Tells It the Way It Is RC 43566
by David H. Hackworth
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
The most decorated living American soldier critiques the political and military establishments. Now retired, the author is a war correspondent reporting from the Persian Gulf and other 1990s hot spots. He denounces politicians who selfishly exploit the military. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Fame and Folly: Essays RC 43571
by Cynthia Ozick
read by Janis Gray
3 cassettes
Literary figures feature prominently in this collection of seventeen essays in such works as "T.S. Eliot at 101," "What Henry James Knew," "Rushdie in the Louvre," "Mark Twain's Vienna," and "Saul Bellow's Broadway." The noted twentieth-century writer also covers such topics as Christian heroism and the Holocaust. 1996.

Charmer: A Ladies' Man and His Victims RC 43572
by Jack Olsen
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
Stylish and articulate George Russell Jr. is considered a "charmer" by young women on the Seattle nightclub scene. But beneath his charm lies a pathological hatred of women and a penchant for brutal murder. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1994.

Power to Hurt: Inside a Judge's Chambers; Sexual Assault, Corruption, and the Ultimate Reversal of Justice for Women RC 43574
by Darcy O'Brien
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
Recounts the federal case against Tennessee judge David Lanier for violating the civil rights of women by sexually abusing them. As a powerful local figure, Lanier ruled his jurisdiction with impunity until an FBI agent persuaded the victims to testify. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Finding a Form: Essays RC 43580
by William H. Gass
read by Andy Chappell
3 cassettes
Nineteen essays in which the noted American novelist and critic ponders a variety of literary topics such as the checkered history of the Pulitzer Prize; the perils of using the present tense in fiction; the "music" of prose; and the relationship of life to work in the cases of Ezra Pound, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Friedrich Nietzsche. 1996.

No Contest: Corporate Lawyers and the Perversion of Justice in America RC 43589
by Ralph Nader and Wesley J. Smith
read by Randy Wieck
4 cassettes
Decries the unethical practices of corporate lawyers who zealously defend their wealthy and powerful clients against consumer lawsuits. Denouncing such tactics as destroying key documents, delaying trials, and bringing reprisal suits, the authors call for legal reform that ensures justice for ordinary citizens. 1996.

Reflections of Eden: My Years with the Orangutans of Borneo RC 43590
by Biruté M.F. Galdikas
read by Kerry Cundiff
4 cassettes
Primatologist Biruté Galdikas tells of her twenty years living among and studying the elusive orangutans in Indonesian Borneo. From her primitive jungle camp, she conducted behavioral research under harsh and dangerous conditions. She describes the satisfaction of serving as a surrogate mother and protector of once-captive apes. 1995.

Muggeridge: The Biography RC 43612
by Richard Ingrams
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
Recounts the life of the controversial British journalist and television personality who was the first to report the horrors of Stalin's reign. Muggeridge also gained notoriety for skewering figures such as Winston Churchill and members of the royal family. Describes Muggeridge's chronic drinking and philandering and his late-life conversion to Catholicism. 1995.

***The Dog with the Chip in His Neck*: Essays from NPR and Elsewhere RC 43621**
by Andrei Codrescu
read by Gordon Gould
2 cassettes
Wry observations on changes in American culture during the mid-1990s. Topics include capitalism, sex, the Religious Right, food, and the Internet. Based on commentaries aired on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. 1996.

The Ditchdigger's Daughter: A Black Family's Astonishing Success Story RC 43623
by Yvonne S. Thornton
read by Connie Winston
2 cassettes
Portrait of the Thorntons—Donald and Tass—and their six daughters who, inspired by their father's unceasing determination and discipline, overcame economic hardship and racial and gender discrimation to achieve success as professionals: two doctors, a dentist, a lawyer, a nurse, and a court stenographer. Some strong language. 1995.

The Secrets of Mariko: A Year in the Life of a Japanese Woman and Her Family RC 43631
by Elisabeth Bumiller
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
An American journalist's intimate chronicle of a year in the life of a Japanese housewife and mother, who is described as "stocky, earthy, and forty-four, overscheduled and sleep-deprived." Recounts her handling of family crises and describes her struggle to balance her personal needs with those of her family. 1995.

Crow Dog: Four Generations of Sioux Medicine Men RC 43645
by Leonard Crow Dog and Richard Erdoes
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
Family history of the Brulé Native American clan named Crow Dog. Leonard Crow Dog, spiritual leader of the American Indian Movement at the second siege of Wounded Knee in 1973, traces his lineage to the first Crow Dog, Jerome—a leader of the Ghost Dance of 1889 and comrade of Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. Crow Dog also describes Lakota rituals and ceremonies. 1995.

How to Access the Federal Government on the Internet 1997 RC 43666
by Bruce Maxwell
read by John Richardson
4 cassettes
Describes more than four hundred federal government Internet sites that offer documents, images, library catalogs, databases, and gateways to other sites. Provides instructions for accessing and tips on searching the sites. Companion *to How to Access the Government's Electronic Bulletin Boards (RC 43667)*. 1996.

How to Access the Government's Electronic Bulletin Boards RC 43667
by Bruce Maxwell
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
A guide to nearly two hundred federal government bulletin-board systems (BBSs), covering topics from presidential speeches to federal job openings. Describes contents of the various BBSs and tells how to reach and navigate them using a computer and modem. Companion to *How to Access the Federal Government on the Internet 1997 (RC 43666)*. 1997.

Mindhunter: Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit RC 43669
by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker
read by Barry Bernson
3 cassettes
Douglas, who pioneered criminal profiling, gives an inside account of the FBI's elite Investigative Support Unit. He recounts some of his most famous cases and describes various tactics used to identify and prosecute serial criminals. Violence, descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers RC 43671
by Ralph Moody
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
This account of roundups and auctions, irrigation wars, tornadoes, and family life depicts Western farm life through the eyes of an eight-year-old boy. In 1906 young Ralph Moody and his family moved from New Hampshire to a Colorado ranch. Because of his father's

failing health, much of the ranch work fell to Ralph. 1950.

Man of the Family RC 43672
by Ralph Moody
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
The adventures of eleven-year-old Ralph, also known as Little Britches, as he earnestly tries to take care of the family when Father dies in 1910. Mother gently and steadfastly keeps Ralph in school and starts a cooking business in their small Colorado town. Sequel to *Little Britches (RC 43671)*. Some strong language. 1951.

Woodholme: A Black Man's Story of Growing Up Alone RC 43689
by DeWayne Wickham
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
A journalist recounts his life from age eight, when his parents died in a murder-suicide, to eighteen, when he joined the Air Force. Burying his grief, Wickham anchored his life around caddying at a Jewish golf course until the birth of his daughter triggered a reengagement with life and a determination to be a good father. 1995.

Prescription: Medicide; the Goodness of Planned Death RC 43695
by Jack Kevorkian
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
The "suicide doctor" argues the practical and ethical merits of planned death and its implications for organ harvesting and medical research. Reviews various methods used for criminal executions and offers death-by-anesthesia as a humane alternative. Promotes euthanasia as an option for the afflicted. Violence. 1991.

Treat It Gentle: An Autobiography RC 43697
by Sidney Bechet
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
First published in 1960. A noted jazz musician recounts his life and career as a clarinet and saxophone virtuoso. Traces his New Orleans childhood in the early 1900s, his discovery as a musical prodigy at age six, and his rise in the ranks of New Orleans jazz to play with many of the great performers of that genre. Includes discography. 1978.

Dossier: The Secret History of Armand Hammer RC 43700
by Edward J. Epstein
read by Terence Aselford
3 cassettes
An unflattering portrait of the noted American industrialist, philanthropist, and alleged agent for the Soviet Union. Drawing upon official American and Soviet records, extensive interviews, and secretly taped conversations, the author describes a man given to duplicity and ambition. 1996.

All That We Can Be: Black Leadership and Racial Integration the Army Way RC 43702
by Charles C. Moskos and John Sibley Butler
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Two sociologists examine the unique success of the United States Army in achieving racial integration within its ranks in the post-Vietnam era. Discusses policies and practices that afford equal opportunity for all soldiers. Offers "lessons learned" that could be applied in other sectors of American society. 1996.

Time on Fire: My Comedy of Terrors
RC 43714
by Evan Handler
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
A young actor's candid chronicle of his five-year battle with leukemia. Recounts with grim humor the horrors of chemotherapy, the excruciating pain of bone marrow aspirations, and the furtive sessions of "hospital sex" with his girlfriend. Conveys the will to survive that he believes led to his recovery. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Hiding Place RC 43746
by Corrie ten Boom
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Describes the author's experiences in a German concentration camp. Ten Boom tells how she never lost faith in God and how she ministered to fellow prisoners and comforted them. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1971.

The Road Less Traveled and Beyond: Spiritual Growth in an Age of Anxiety
RC 43769
by M. Scott Peck
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Further along the Road Less Traveled (RC 37302)*, Peck offers additional ways in which people can lead more fulfilling lives in a world full of stress and anxiety, and discusses how "we can come to exist in a closer relationship to the Holy." 1997.

I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God: A Woman's Conversations with God
RC 43772
by Marjorie Holmes
read by Carol Dines
1 cassette
Writer Holmes explains that she doesn't pray to God to curry favor or to appease him, but to have someone to talk to. These inspirational prayers or "conversations" cover a variety of topics from Holmes's everyday life. By the author of *Second Wife, Second Life (RC 43773)*. 1968.

Second Wife, Second Life! A Love Story
RC 43773
by Marjorie Holmes
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
Recently widowed author Marjorie Holmes was surprised to get a phone call from a man stating that her book, *I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God (RC 43772)*, saved his life. Dr. George Schmieler had been devastated by the loss of his wife, but now wanted to date Marjorie, and they were married within a year. She describes the ups and downs of being a second wife to the man of her dreams. 1993.

People Power: A Look at Nonviolent Action and Defense RC 43777
by Susan Neiburg Terkel
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
A primer on "the power of people to fight or resist attack without using violence." Discusses ethical and practical reasons for choosing nonviolence and assesses its effectiveness for achieving economic, political, or social ends. Recommends guidelines for action. For ju-

nior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

Dog Love RC 43778
by Marjorie Garber
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
A testimonial to the integral role of dogs in human society. Avers that a person's "best friend" exhibits such endearing virtues as unconditional love, loyalty, and courage—qualities often lacking in people. In view of these qualities, concludes the author, "it is the dog that makes us human." Strong language and descriptions of bestiality. 1996.

Sleepers RC 43782
by Lorenzo Carcaterra
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
In 1967, the author and three other boys are best friends in New York's Hell's Kitchen. When a prank leaves a man injured, the boys are sent to a juvenile home and endure beatings and sexual abuse from the guards. Eleven years later, two of the friends murder one of the guards. The other two, an assistant district attorney and the author, plan how they can beat the charges. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

The Longest Shot: Lil E. Tee and the Kentucky Derby RC 43789
by John Eisenberg
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
Recounts the upset victory of Lil E. Tee in the 1992 Kentucky Derby. Tells about the rags-to-riches colt "with an inelegant name and a dime-store pedigree," which surmounted chronic health problems and seventeen-to-one odds to capture the legendary crown. 1996.

Mrs. Ike: Memories and Reflections on the Life of Mamie Eisenhower RC 43790
by Susan Eisenhower
read by Janis Gray
3 cassettes
A granddaughter's memoir of the first lady of the 1950s. Portrays a confident and independent woman devoted to family and American values, whose life as an army wife was "no bed of roses." Affirms the integrity of her marriage with Ike and dismisses the rumor that he philandered during World War II. 1996.

If These Walls Had Ears: The Biography of a House RC 43796
by James Morgan
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
A journalist's seventy-year history of his bungalow and the families who lived there. Traces the lives of residents from 1923, chronicling weddings, births, parties, divorces, and other events. Morgan sees the succession of owners as symbolic of a changing American society. Strong language. 1996.

No Hands: The Rise and Fall of the Schwinn Bicycle Company, an American Institution RC 43799
by Judith Crown and Glenn Coleman
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
An account of America's legendary bicycle company, which fell into bankruptcy in 1992. Traces the firm's ascent to prominence by the mid-twentieth century and its 1970s decline caused by mismanagement, import competition, and failure to adjust to changing markets. 1996.

The Schools We Need and Why We Don't Have Them RC 43801
by E.D. Hirsch
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Asserts that the system of public education in the United States "is among the least effective in the developed world." Advocates the use of a coherent, knowledge-based curriculum; national educational standards; and generalized testing as the means for achieving excellence in American education. 1996.

There's a Boy in Here RC 43816
by Judy and Sean Barron
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Diagnosed as autistic at four, Sean Barron continued his compulsive, repetitive, and often dangerous habits for years but learned speech and attended school while his mother, Judy, struggled to work with him. Recalling the experience, Sean at thirty and Judy describe how in his late teens Sean finally discovered how to get off the "merry-go-round." Strong language. 1992.

Beyond the Whiteness of Whiteness: Memoir of a White Mother of Black Sons RC 43857
by Jane Lazarre
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Introspective essays by a Jewish woman who married a black man in the 1960s, raised two black sons, and formed close relationships with African Americans. She describes her growing awareness of and struggle with the "whiteness of whiteness—that terrible and inexcusable ignorance of racism which denies history and reality." 1996.

Coach: The Life of Paul "Bear" Bryant RC 43876
by Keith Dunnavant
read by Robert Sams
2 cassettes
A portrait of the University of Alabama legend, who won a record 323 games. Traces his forty-six-year career (1936–1982), touting his successes while revealing his personal failings. Opines that Bryant's rigid authoritarian style gradually became less effective as society changed in the 1970s. 1996.

Unraveling Piltdown: The Science Fraud of the Century and Its Solution RC 43891
by John Evangelist Walsh
read by Gary Telles
3 cassettes
Recounts the infamous scientific fraud known as "Piltdown" and suggests its perpetrator. Tells of the 1913 discovery in England of a humanoid skull and jawbone, which were purported to represent the "missing link" in the evolution of man from ape. Explains how scientists were deceived for forty years. 1996.

When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor RC 43904
by William Julius Wilson
read by John Rayburn
3 cassettes
Examines the problem of joblessness among the mostly black urban poor. In addition to identifying key structural factors, such as the shift from a manufacturing to a service economy, the author considers social, cultural, and psychological variables. 1996.

Condition Critical: The Story of a Nurse Continues RC 43905
by Echo Heron
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Intensive Care (RC 26696)*, California nurse Heron continues describing the job she finds alternately frustrating and rewarding. A housepainter falls from her ladder, a favorite AIDS patient dies, and a young girl admits her mother's boyfriend sexually abuses her. Then, after fifteen years at Redwoods Memorial Hospital, Heron takes a much needed vacation—and decides not to go back. Strong language. 1994.

The Awakening Heart: My Continuing Journey to Love RC 43908
by Betty J. Eadie
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
In this companion to *Embraced by the Light (RC 35949)*, Eadie continues her path of "spiritual awakening" as she explores such issues as the magic of unconditional love, the healing power of positive energy, and the importance of faith and forgiveness in accepting the pain of loss. Bestseller 1996.

Unlimited Access: An FBI Agent inside the Clinton White House RC 43909
by Gary Aldrich
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
A former FBI agent's exposé of alleged security violations, hiring scandals, and ethical offenses in the Clinton White House. Avers that the president made unescorted, late-night excursions and describes other events the author reports having seen while serving at the White House. Bestseller 1996.

How to Help Children through a Parent's Serious Illness RC 43915
by Kathleen McCue
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
A parent's manual for dealing with a child when either parent falls gravely ill. Summarizes expert advice about explaining the illness, keeping communications open, recognizing signs of trouble in the child, and handling death. Emphasizes facing fears and being direct and honest with the child. 1994.

Americans: A Collision of Histories RC 43916
by Edward Countryman
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
A reexamination of America's ethnic and cultural heritage. In his quest to define American identity, Countryman explores the intertwined histories of Native, African, Hispanic, and European Americans, noting that America's democratic ideals were often contradicted by the unequal and exploitative treatment received by women and people of color. Some strong language. 1996.

You Wouldn't Believe What My Grandchild Did . . . RC 43920
by Lois Wyse
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
According to Wyse, the best way to distinguish parents from grandparents is by how much fun they have with the children. After all, parents discipline and grandparents spoil. Her collection of anecdotes and poems includes a list of ten ways to assure your grandchild's love for you. 1994.

James Herriot's Favorite Dog Stories RC 43921
by James Herriot
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Herriot has collected ten of his favorite stories from his previous books about his years as a veterinarian in Yorkshire. Includes stories about Tricki Woo, Jock, and Roy as well as the dogs' owners. Bestseller 1995.

Walking Stars: Stories of Magic and Power RC 43931
by Victor Villaseñor
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Tales of magic and spiritual power based on life experiences of the author and his Mexican and Native American ancestors. He relates that as a boy his father raced one hundred miles to catch up with a train on which the family was traveling to the United States. Strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

The Shelter of Each Other: Rebuilding Our Families RC 43941
by Mary Pipher
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
Explores the effects of cultural forces on the mental health of American families. Targets technology and consumerism as insidious influences that contribute to a "crisis of meaning and values." Cites exemplary case studies and offers advice for rebuilding families. 1996.

Founding Father: Rediscovering George Washington RC 43942
by Richard Brookhiser
read by Ted Stoddard
2 cassettes
A "moral biography" of the founder and father of the United States. Surveys Washington's role in the Revolutionary War and in forming the new government. Explores his nature, morals, and ideas as they relate to his public career. Examines the implications of the title "political father" of the nation. Bestseller 1996.

The Millionaire Next Door: The Surprising Secrets of America's Wealthy RC 43944
by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko
read by Ralph Lowenstein
2 cassettes
Depicts America's wealthy families and the characteristics that enabled them to get and stay rich. Examines their sources of wealth, lifestyles, spending patterns, and money management strategies. Portrays the typical millionaire as one who avoids the ostentatious display of affluence. Bestseller 1996.

The Gift of Peace: Personal Reflections RC 43948
by Joseph Louis Bernardin
read by Lou Harpenau
1 cassette
A celebrated Catholic cardinal meditates on the final three years of his life and ministry. Relates his coming to terms with a false accusation of sexual misconduct and with terminal cancer. Portrays his spiritual journey and discovery of a "deep inner peace—God's wonderful gift to me." Bestseller 1997.

What Falls Away: A Memoir RC 44014
by Mia Farrow
read by Judith Ann Gantly
2 cassettes
Farrow discusses her acting career, her marriages, and her large family of biological and adopted children. The sec-

ond half of the book focuses on her long, troubled relationship with Woody Allen, which ended when she learned he was having an affair with one of her adopted daughters and possibly molesting another. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Light in My Darkness RC 44017
by Helen Keller
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
Editor Ray Silverman revised and enlarged this edition of *My Religion (RD 7388)*. Keller describes the influence that the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg had on her life from the age of sixteen. Keller wrote some of the passages as early as 1903. The original work was published in 1927 and later revised in 1960. This edition includes an introduction by Norman Vincent Peale. 1994.

Mama's Girl RC 44021
by Veronica Chambers
read by Camille McCurty Ali
1 cassette
Chambers recalls growing up in Brooklyn in the 1970s and the enormous upheaval caused by her father's decision to leave the family. Despite a loveless childhood and considerable abuse inflicted by her parents and stepparents, Chambers manages to achieve academic and professional success in her adult life. Strong language. 1995.

A Penny Saved: Using Money to Teach Your Child the Way the World Works RC 44032
by Neale S. Godfrey
read by Camille McCurty Ali
2 cassettes
This companion to *Money Doesn't Grow on Trees (RC 38471)* presents step-by-step lessons for inculcating financial values in children. Offers guidance to parents, along with practical exercises for teaching their children about honesty, responsibility, and cooperation in the use of money. 1995.

The Rules: Time-Tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart of Mr. Right RC 44036
by Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
The authors maintain that by following these thirty-five rules, a woman will catch a husband and keep him. The rules describe how to play hard-to-get to attract Mr. Right and, once married, how to be easy-to-be-with to keep him interested. Bestseller 1995.

Hail to the Chief: The Making and Unmaking of American Presidents RC 44037
by Robert Dallek
read by Art Metzler
2 cassettes
Explores the reasons some presidents are regarded as great national heroes while others become mere sidebars in history. Avers that vision, pragmatism, charisma, and the ability to gain trust and achieve consensus are critical to presidential success, though luck and circumstance also count. 1996.

The Student's Guide to Doing Research on the Internet RC 44039
by Dave and Mary Campbell
read by John Richardson
2 cassettes
The first part of this handbook gives instruction on various Internet tools, such as FTP, Gopher, and the World Wide Web. In the second part, each chapter is devoted to Internet sites that address

major areas of study, such as the humanities, education, science, geography, history, literature, and medicine. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Slow Dance Heart Break Blues
RC 44043
by Arnold Adoff
read by Barry Bernson
1 cassette
Free-form poetry that evokes the passions, loneliness, and anxiety of adolescence. The themes touch on young love, body image, drug use, and other elements of the teenage experience. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

The Arthritis Cure: The Medical Miracle That Can Halt, Reverse, and May Even Cure Osteoarthritis RC 44141
by Jason Theodosakis and others
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
A physician and his coauthors describe a nine-step plan to combat osteoarthritis that includes nutritional supplements glucosamine and chondroitin sulfates; correct biomechanics; regular exercise; a healthful, joint-preserving diet; ideal weight; and a positive attitude. Bestseller 1997.

Miss Manners' Basic Training: Communication RC 44142
by Judith Martin
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
Advice columnist Miss Manners guides the "Gentle Reader" through the proper forms of communication using electronic and high-tech devices. Discusses telephone and recording behavior, when to e-mail and when to fax, and proper etiquette in cyberspace. 1997.

The Moral Intelligence of Children
RC 44150
by Robert Coles
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
Explores the formation of character during the first two decades of life. Identifies key elements in moral learning and describes ways in which parents and teachers can help a child grow up to be a good person. Bestseller 1997.

Hello, He Lied: And Other Truths from the Hollywood Trenches RC 44151
by Lynda Obst
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
The producer of such movies as *Sleepless in Seattle* and *One Fine Day* describes her film career, which began with the hit *Flashdance*. She provides tips on dealing with actors, directors, and executives and talks about friends she has made in the business. Bestseller 1996.

Ancestral Passions: The Leakey Family and the Quest for Humankind's Beginnings RC 44159
by Virginia Morell
read by Jill Ferris
6 cassettes
A portrait of the Leakeys, the "first family of anthropology." Traces the lives of parents Louis and Mary and son Richard, describing their many discoveries, including the Olduvai Gorge fossils, which confirmed the African origins of the human species. Recounts the dysfunctions and tragedies that plagued the family. 1995.

Mrs. Fields' Cookie Book: One Hundred Recipes from the Kitchen of Mrs. Fields RC 44172
by Debbi Fields
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
The author, famous for her international cookie business, provides recipes to be made at home. Aimed at casual as well as avid bakers, the collection includes dropped, fancy, filled, and bar cookies. It also offers other special treats such as cheesecake and apple pie. 1992.

My Story RC 44269
by Sarah, the Duchess of York
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
Sarah Ferguson says that she was not prepared for the reality of becoming a member of the British royal family. Here she explains how the "breath of fresh air," as she was reported to be, was snuffed out by the dark forces both within herself and within the palace. 1996.

Mastering the Zone: The Next Step in Achieving Superhealth and Permanent Fat Loss RC 44274
by Barry Sears
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Zone (RC 42493)*, the author continues discussing his theory regarding the correct ratio of protein, specific carbohydrates, and fat in the diet. He outlines three levels that will lead to mastering the "zone" and includes recipes and menus. Bestseller 1997.

On My Own at 107: Reflections on Life without Bessie RC 44284
by Sarah L. Delany
read by Lynn Schrichte
1 cassette
In this companion to *Having Our Say (RC 37258)*, the remaining Delany, Sarah, tells her late sister Bessie what life has been like since her death in 1995. Glad that she, instead of Bessie, suffered the loss, Sarah vows to make life pleasant, knowing that's what her sibling would want. 1997.

Chief Justice: A Biography of Earl Warren RC 44309
by Ed Cray
read by Ralph Lowenstein
5 cassettes
A personal and career portrait of the controversial fourteenth chief justice of the United States. Traces his career ascent in politics and his service on the Supreme Court from 1953 to 1969, where he led a legal revolution for a liberal interpretation of the Constitution. Bestseller 1997.

Dreams into Action: Getting What You Want! RC 44367
by Milton Katselas
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Discusses strategies for confronting one's limitations and psychological blocks. Topics in this self-help manual of empowerment and personal transformation include the consequences of inaction, the nature of blame, and the relationship between loving and giving. Bestseller 1996.

Cassettes Fiction

The Ladies' Lunch RC 39939
by Patricia O'Brien
read by Gillian Wilson
3 cassettes
Four Washington women (a Supreme Court nominee, a prestigious caterer, a journalist, and a congresswoman) are waiting for White House press secretary Faith Paige to join them for their regular lunch when they learn she was found dead in the Potomac. As the women try to determine why and if their friend committed suicide, they are thwarted by White House insiders and their lives are thrown into turmoil. Some strong language. 1994.

Forlorn River RC 39959
by Zane Grey
read by Gregory Ricks
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Story of the lawless days of cattle thieves and the exciting pursuit and capture of wild horses. A courageous loner must rescue his woman and clear his name in a trumped-up charge of cattle rustling. 1927.

Legacy: Journeys of the Stranger, Book 1 RC 39963
by Al Lacy
read by Ellen Frost
2 cassettes
Visiting nurse Breanna Baylor is saved from a stampede by a mysterious, scripture-quoting man named John, who explains that his vocation is helping people. Troubled by her feelings for him, Breanna sends him away but then realizes her mistake. As Breanna searches for John, he fulfils his promise to watch over her by saving her from a gang of outlaws but slips away before she sees him. Some violence. 1994.

Coming through the Rye RC 39964
by Grace Livingston Hill
read by Ellen Frost
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Romayne Ransom is thrilled when her widowed father is finally able to afford some nice things for the family. But one day she comes home to find members of a league staked out in her house waiting to arrest her father and brother for selling liquor. Young attorney Evan Sherwood, head of the league, feels sorry for Romayne, who knew nothing of the activity. But she holds him responsible for ruining her family. 1926.

Christmas Carol RC 39966
by Flora Speer
read by Anne Mullen
2 cassettes
After her bankrupt father kills himself, a bitter Carol takes a job in London as a paid companion to miserly Lady Augusta. When Augusta dies five years later at Christmas, her ghost appears and explains to Carol that for penance she is to make sure Carol doesn't waste her life, too. Augusta and Carol experience a past, present, and future Christmas, and Carol falls in love each time, with the same man. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1994.

The Zoo Where You're Fed to God RC 39974
by Michael Ventura
read by June Carter
2 cassettes
James Abbey, a fifty-year-old surgeon, has spent his life fighting his fears. His marriage crumbles, then his defenses. At the zoo, he hears voices and devel-

ops obsessions with the animals and with a young woman he meets. Realizing that his estranged adolescent son is fighting his own fears and obsessions, Abbey finally learns from the animals how to be more human. Some strong language. 1994.

Show Me No Mercy: A Compelling Story of Remarkable Courage RC 39982
by Robert Perske
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Andy and Maggie Banks and their teenage twins, Ben and Beth, are a close-knit family. When a car accident leaves Maggie and Beth dead and Andy paralyzed, an aunt decides that Ben, who has Down's syndrome, must be institutionalized. But feisty Ben is helping Andy recover, and he doesn't mind upsetting expectations at the institute. For junior and senior high readers. 1984.

Sharing Sam RC 39994
by Katherine Applegate
read by Jeanne Evans
1 cassette
Alison, a junior, is fascinated by the new boy at school, Sam Cody. But shortly after they meet, her best friend, Izzy, is diagnosed with a fatal brain tumor. Realizing that Izzy is attracted to Sam, too, Alison decides to put her own budding relationship on hold and convince Sam to devote himself to Izzy during the girl's last few months. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Stouthearted Men: A Cole Ryerson Novel RC 39995
by R.C. House
read by Don Emmick
2 cassettes
When Bad-Face Ike Bodene breaks out of jail, U.S. Marshal Cole Ryerson calls together a posse of stouthearted men made up of his most trusted and expert friends. Bodene has vowed to kill Ryerson if he comes after him, but that makes the marshal even more determined. Ryerson encounters a surprise along the way: a woman with as stout a heart as any of his posse. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Driver's Ed RC 39997
by Caroline B. Cooney
read by Jeanne Evans
1 cassette
Remy and Morgan pay more attention to each other than they do to the teacher of their driver's ed class, unless they get a chance to drive. Some people in this class play tricks, like switching name tags, and one night they decide to steal stop signs. But disaster strikes and a young mother is left dead. Now the teenagers must deal with their thoughtless act, their deceit, and their guilt. For high school and older readers. 1994.

Wish You Were Here RC 39999
by Barbara Shoup
read by Gregory Ricks
2 cassettes
Jackson was supposed to get an apartment with his best friend, Brady, for their senior year of high school, but Brady runs away instead. Now Jax can't benefit from Brady's humorous advice. Jax must cope with issues like his mother's marriage to Ted; Ted's two young daughters; Jax's father's latest relationship; and his own desire for female companionship. Strong language. For high school and older readers. 1994.

Some Girls RC 40619
by Kristin McCloy
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
To the dismay of her rancher lover and her family, twenty-three-year-old Claire leaves New Mexico to live in New York City where she knows no one and works for a temp agency. Her exotic neighbor Jade intrigues her, and eventually the two women become friends. When the friendship turns sexual one drunken night, Claire, shocked, avoids Jade while trying to sort out her feelings. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

Zero Coupon RC 40638
by Paul Erdman
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
William F. Saxon has spent three years and a day in prison for misconduct in the investment business. Now he is free and, with his $74-million stash in Liechtenstein and some help from former accomplices, he plans to reestablish himself. He sets up an operation at a high-tech ranch in the Napa Valley, and everything is going smoothly until he sells some bogus bonds. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

Cha Cha Cha RC 40669
by Jane Heller
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
Alison Koff, thirty-five, lives in an extravagant house and writes about celebrities for the local paper part-time. Then the stock market crashes, her husband leaves her for his first wife, and she is forced to take a job as a maid for visiting writer, hateful Melanie Moloney. Adjusting to her poor lifestyle and a new boyfriend, Alison is shocked to be accused of murdering Moloney. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

The One-Room Schoolhouse: Stories about the Boys RC 40675
by Jim Heynen
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
More than one hundred miniature stories about midwestern boys growing up on the farm. The stories often bear earthy titles, such as "Hog Calls" or "One Dead Chicken," about subjects appropriate to rural life. And the unnamed boys—brothers and their friends—capture moments of death, cruelty, innocence, tenderness, mystery, and revelation, but it is "the youngest boy" who steals the show. 1993.

Barrel Fever: Stories and Essays RC 40676
by David Sedaris
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Darkly humorous stories include "Parade," in which the protagonist claims homosexual affairs with such celebrities as Mike Tyson and Bruce Springsteen, and "Music for Lovers," in which a tight-fisted man's homemade casts cause his daughter to lose her feet. Originally broadcast on NPR, the essay "Santa-Land Diaries" relates Sedaris's most frightening occupation: Christmas elf at Macy's. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Discoveries of Mrs. Christopher Columbus: His Wife's Version RC 40682
by Paula DiPerna
read by Laura Giannarelli
3 cassettes
DiPerna imagines what would have happened if Columbus's wife had accompanied him on his voyage to the New World. Frustrated in her desire to be more of a partner in his life, Felipa keeps a diary. While recording political struggles in Spain, rigors of the voyage, and wonders of discovery, she explores her own emotions as well. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

***Traveling On into the Light* and Other Stories RC 40824**
by Martha Brooks
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
Eleven stories by the author of *Paradise Cafe (RC 33408)*. In the title story, a girl visits her father and the man for whom he left her mother. In "The Kindness of Strangers," an old man befriends a runaway youth who has been betrayed by his mother. The final stories form a trilogy about Sidonie and Kieran, teenagers who have each lost a parent. Some strong language. For high school and older readers. 1994.

Wall of Fire: The Appomattox Saga, Book 7 RC 41585
by Gilbert Morris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Mark Rocklin is dying, and there is something he must do before he goes. Years ago he fell in love with a woman named Beth but did not marry her, and now he has learned they share a daughter. Allyn is located and brought to Gracefield, but it will take some time for her and Mark to become close, and even longer for her to accept his plans for her future. Sequel to *The Shadow of His Wings (RC 41584)*. 1995.

The Shawnee Trail: Trail Drive Series, Book 6 RC 42480
by Ralph Compton
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
As payment for his ride on the *California Trail (RC 42479)*, Long John Coons now has his own herd of longhorns. With trouble brewing over states' rights, Coons jumps quickly to drive the cattle to St. Louis. His crew of misfits is almost as dangerous as the Comanches along the trail ahead. Strong language and violence. 1994.

The Virginia City Trail: Trail Drive Series, Book 7 RC 42481
by Ralph Compton
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
Nelson Story has money from his gold claim but is a marked man. The Plummer gang is after him for hanging the outlaw sheriff, Henry Plummer. So Story and his partners go to Fort Worth, buy cattle, and head for Illinois markets, but poor grass and high tolls turn them toward Montana and dangerous Sioux lands. Violence and strong language. 1994.

The Horses at the Gate: Earthsong Trilogy, Volume 2 RC 42880
by Mary Mackey
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Year the Horses Came (RC 42879)*, Marrah and converted Hansi warrior Stavan struggle on to Shara, a prehistoric city in the Ukranian

steppes. Their plight continues as the Hansi seek out the renegade Stavan. Violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Beachcombing for a Shipwrecked God RC 42938
by Joe Coomer
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Three women share life aboard an ocean yacht in New Hampshire. The recently widowed Charlotte has fled her Kentucky in-laws and lands on a boat belonging to Grace, an elderly widow. Already aboard is Chloe, a sweet, plump teenage dropout with an abusive boyfriend. The beleaguered women escape to Nova Scotia across open ocean. 1995.

Pay Dirt; or, Adventures at Ash Lawn RC 42960
by Rita Mae and Sneaky Pie Brown
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
The tiny town of Crozet, Virginia, is abuzz with strange happenings. A wild, leather-clad biker is found murdered just after he arrives in town, and a computer virus causes a two-million-dollar shortfall at the local bank. A sagacious team of house pets untangles the mysteries of murder and money. Strong language. 1995.

The Secret Life of Laszlo, Count Dracula RC 43169
by Roderick Anscombe
read by Jamie Horton
3 cassettes
A psychiatrist offers this fictional diary recounting a man's reluctant, horrified surrender to perversion. Though not a real vampire, this Dracula gradually develops a taste for the blood of young girls, even as he tries to live a respectable life. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1994.

Outsider in Amsterdam RC 43181
by Janwillem van de Wetering
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Detective Grijpstra and Sergeant De Gier of the Amsterdam police investigate the apparent suicide of a shady restaurant owner. But as new evidence surfaces, the case turns into a puzzling mystery with a surfeit of suspects. 1975.

The Blond Baboon RC 43182
by Janwillem van de Wetering
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes (Reissue)
In this sequel to *Outsider in Amsterdam (RC 43181)*, detectives Grijpstra and De Gier are called to the scene of a middle-aged woman's death—an apparent accident. But factors, such as the dead woman's wealth and an ex-lover called "Blond Baboon," cause the pair of sleuths to suspect murder. 1978.

The Thor Conspiracy: The Seventy-Hour Countdown to Disaster RC 43187
by Larry Burkett
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Illuminati (RC 43186)*, set in the near future, the U.S. government is controlled by environmentalists. When documents are found to indicate a political cover-up in the THOR nuclear testing project, three patriots combine their talents to thwart the corrupt regime. 1995.

Red Death RC 43221
by P.N. Elrod
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
In pre-Revolutionary War America, Jonathan Barrett's mad loyalist mother

ships him off to England's Cambridge University. There Jonathan meets Nora Jones, who enjoys drinking blood during lovemaking. Later when he is killed while defending the Tory cause, he rises as a vampire. Prequel to *Death and the Maiden (RC 43222)*. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

The Rio Grande: Rivers West RC 43279
by Jory Sherman
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Matthew Caine, an agent of the U.S. government and a friend to the Shoshone and Arapaho Indians, has spent his life along the Rio Grande. This big, powerful man is known as "El Gigante" by the Spanish, who fear he is a spy planning to help take away their land. As war rages between the nations, Caine, who has come to love a Shoshone woman, will find his life endangered along the banks of his beloved river. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

Executive Orders RC 43316
by Tom Clancy
read by David Hartley-Margolin
9 cassettes
In this sequel to *Debt of Honor (RC 38875)*, Jack Ryan accedes to the presidency following a massive terrorist attack on the Capitol. Amid the devastation and turmoil, Ryan endeavors to restore a functioning government even as foreign and domestic forces move to exploit the crisis for their own ends. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1996.

Drums of Autumn RC 43320
by Diana Gabaldon
read by Barbara Caruso
8 cassettes
In this sequel to *Voyager (RC 38591)*, time travelers Claire and Jamie Fraser find themselves in South Carolina in 1767. Realizing that the clouds of revolution are forming, they join a remote community of Scottish immigrants and confront the perils of the wilderness. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Hidden Jewel RC 43329
by V.C. Andrews
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *All That Glitters (RC 43328)*, Ruby and Beau's daughter, Pearl, graduates from high school and plans to become a doctor. But before the summer is over, one of Pearl's brothers dies and his twin becomes catatonic. To set things straight, Ruby turns to Cajun voodoo and disappears into the bayou. Beau is too distraught to go after Ruby, so Pearl goes. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

The Venus Throw RC 43363
by Steven Saylor
read by Richard Davidson
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Catilina's Riddle (RC 39565)*, Gordianus the Finder is visited by his old teacher, Dio, who is now Egyptian ambassador to Rome and who fears assassination. Dio is killed that very night, and Gordianus becomes enmeshed in a contentious trial involving political conspiracy and public scandal. Strong language. 1995.

Panama RC 43372
by Eric Zencey
read by Gary Telles
3 cassettes
The year is 1892, and historian Henry Adams is researching a book in France, where he meets artist Miriam Talbott. Adams soon learns of Talbott's reported death—but the body turns out not to be hers. Adams pursues the trail of the missing artist and is drawn into an intrigue involving the failed Panama Canal plan. 1995.

Rasero RC 43373
by Francisco Rebolledo
read by Peter Gil
5 cassettes
Fausto Rasero, mysteriously bald since birth, is a Spaniard living in eighteenth-century Paris. Clairvoyant upon orgasm and yearning for wisdom, he struggles to reconcile the optimism of the Enlightenment with the horrific prophecies of his visions, which include the Holocaust and the atomic bomb. Some strong language and descriptions of sex. Winner of the 1994 Pegasus Prize for Latin American literature. 1995.

Animal Acts RC 43378
by Rhoda Lerman
read by Nanette Savard
2 cassettes
Suburban housewife Linda Morris sneaks away from her rich, kind husband and her dangerous lover to visit her husband's Rent-A-Pet gorilla, Moses, at Coney Island. When Moses kills his keeper in self-defense, Linda sets off with the fugitive ape to Florida and freedom. En route they forge a rare bond. Strong language. 1994.

Slot Machine RC 43380
by Chris Lynch
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Elvin, his two best friends, and other incoming male freshmen of a Christian high school spend three weeks at summer camp. The goal is to find an athletic slot for each boy. Unfortunately, as overweight Elvin sarcastically explains in letters to his mother, he's not the athletic type. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

The Island of the Day Before RC 43382
by Umberto Eco
read by Peter Gil
3 cassettes
Roberto della Griva, a shipwrecked spy in the South Pacific in 1643, rescues himself by climbing aboard an abandoned though well-stocked ship. He eventually discovers a companion on board, Father Caspar, who understands advanced concepts in time and distance—the very ideas Roberto was hired to steal. Together they conduct experiments and attempt to reach land. 1995.

The Bubble Reputation RC 43387
by Cathie Pelletier
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
Grieving Rosemary O'Neal is just emerging from isolation after the suicide of her lover when her oddball family and friends move in and complicate her recovery. Rosemary retreats into a backyard tent for privacy until a troubling turn of events brings her back into the family circle. Strong language. 1993.

A Charmed Circle RC 43392
by Anna Kavan
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
The story of a dysfunctional family in an English manufacturing town in the 1920s. Two daughters run away from their oppressive home to establish independent lives. But, over time, neither woman proves able to dissociate herself from the home she left, and both are drawn back into the family circle. 1929.

Bullet Heart RC 43393
by Michael Doane
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
When golf course developers in South Dakota unearth a pioneer burial ground in 1972, they reinter the bones of the white settlers, but keep those of an Indian girl for public display as "artifacts." After failed attempts to recover the bones, the Indians resort to force, leading to a shootout with FBI agents. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Blood of the Lamb RC 43399
by Thomas F. Monteleone
read by Gregory Gorton
3 cassettes
A young parish priest with supernatural powers is summoned to the Vatican and informed that he was cloned from blood found on the Shroud of Turin. The new Messiah uses his powers to preach an ecumenical faith and becomes a target of the religious establishment. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1992.

Nine Coaches Waiting RC 43401
by Mary Stewart
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes (Reissue)
In an isolated château in the French Alps, Linda Martin, governess to the orphaned comte de Valmy, discovers her pupil is the object of a murder plot involving his crippled uncle and the latter's son, whom Linda loves. 1958.

When the Bough Breaks RC 43402
by Mercedes Lackey and Holly Lisle
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Elves and humans combine around Amanda, a sexually abused girl who is endowed with Psi, a powerful telekinetic ability. Amanda harbors multiple personalities, as well as the spirit of an ancient witch, Cethlenn, who manages to rescue Amanda and punish her abuser. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1993.

Cradle of Splendor RC 43404
by Patricia Anthony
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
In this near-future tale, Brazil is on the verge of becoming a world power in space. When a troubled launch inexplicably achieves orbit, the United States thinks Brazil has seized a UFO and plans to invade. As agents uncover the mystery, the ensuing turmoil leads to tragedy. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Dodge City Trail: Trail Drive Series, Book 8 RC 43450
by Ralph Compton
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
With the railroad reaching Dodge City, a new market for cattle opens up. In

Texas, Dan Ember and his fellow ranchers are desperate to move their livestock out of reach of the corrupt tax collector. The cattlemen strike out on a treacherous drive north. Violence and strong language. 1995.

Dina's Book RC 43458
by Herbjørg Wassmo
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
In this story set in 1840s Norway, young Dina has felt guilty since age five for having caused the death of her mother. Now sixteen, Dina captivates and marries a man her father's age, who teaches her the joys of sensuality before his untimely death. Dina is alone and obsessed by her life's tragedies until she once again discovers love. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Vendetta: Lucky's Revenge RC 43478
by Jackie Collins
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
Sicilians never forget someone who causes them trouble, and Donna Bonnatti Landsman has plans for Lucky Santangelo, who now owns Panther Studios. Donna's determination to take over the company leads to murder and revenge. Sequel to *Lady Boss (RC 31989)*. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller 1997.

The Age of Consent RC 43481
by Geoffrey Wolff
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Ted and Maisie are brought up in upstate New York in an idyllic utopian community, which their parents joined in the 1960s. At age fifteen, Maisie leaps from a rock into a shallow pool, causing permanent injuries. Distraught, Ted struggles to find the reason for his sister's act and gradually discovers dark secrets of incest and sexual abuse. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Green Isle of the Great Deep RC 43482
by Neil Gunn
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Young Art and Old Hector (RC 44406)*, the old man and the little boy accidentally fall into a pond and discover the Green Isle deep beneath the water. In this secret world, a seemingly perfect and orderly society is achieved. However, it is at the expense of human individuality and spiritual freedom. 1975.

Waking the Moon RC 43484
by Elizabeth Hand
read by Mary Kane
4 cassettes
At a Washington, D.C., university, six freshmen explore the limits of freedom, friendship, and sex—until one makes a terrible discovery. The university is a haven of the Benandanti, an order that secretly controls the world through ancient magic. The students come to understand that their own lives and fates are enmeshed with the order. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

A Wild Justice RC 43494
by Craig Thomas
read by Ken Kliban
3 cassettes
A posh birthday party in Washington, D.C., culminates in the brutal murders of businessman Billy Grainger and his wife, Beth. Beth's brother, ex-CIA agent John Lock, delves into the crime, uncovers Grainger's drug-smuggling

ring, and follows the trail to Siberia. Violence. 1995.

Death Throes RC 43495
by Clive Egleton
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *A Killing in Moscow (RC 39539)*, Her Majesty's agent Peter Ashton is in Bulgaria on the trail of a mysterious Russian agent code-named Valentin. When a prominent neo-Nazi is shot in Germany and the assassin is linked to Valentin, Ashton goes undercover on a perilous mission to Moscow. Violence and some strong language. 1994.

Done Wrong: A Marti MacAlister Mystery RC 43521
by Eleanor Taylor Bland
read by Dani Carr
2 cassettes
It's been three years since Chicago narc Johnny MacAlister's supposed suicide. His widow, Marti, has moved with her two children to quiet Lincoln Prairie, where she works as a cop, and they struggle to get on with their lives. Now another Chicago policeman dies, and his widow suggests a connection to Johnny's death. Some strong language. 1995.

Escapade RC 43522
by Walter Satterthwait
read by Christopher Walker
3 cassettes
In 1921 Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini are among the guests summoned for a seance at a stately Devon manor house. Pinkerton agent Phil Beaumont is hired to protect Houdini from Chin Soo, a rival magician. Ghost sightings, attempted murder, and an apparent suicide make a plot in which suspects and secrets abound. 1995.

Commonwealth Avenue RC 43523
by Linda Nevins
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
After a decade away, Hollywood insider Zoe Hillyard is called home to Boston for her grandmother's funeral. At risk to her career, she extends her visit in the family mansion and discovers her great-grandmother's long-hidden diary. The diary provides her with a means to rescue her dysfunctional family and to achieve her own happiness. 1996.

Rosemary Remembered RC 43524
by Susan Wittig Albert
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
When China Bayles finds CPA Rosemary Robbins murdered, the suspects include a wife-killer, a boyfriend, and angry clients. China's lover goes off in pursuit of the wrong suspect, leaving the imperiled China to solve the crime with the aid of spiritual forces. 1995.

The Phoenix Guards RC 43532
by Steven Brust
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
In this prequel to *Five Hundred Years After (RC 43533)*, four young warriors set out to join the emperor's elite guards. The quartet become enmeshed in sorcery, intrigue, and a plot to overthrow the monarch. Their fast wits, adroit swordplay, and blind luck see them through. Violence. 1991.

The Plan RC 43561
by Stephen J. Cannell
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
A Mafia capo feels threatened by the

new anticrime laws and decides to put his own puppet in the White House to change the odds. The plan is discovered by Ryan Bolt, who is hired to do a documentary on the sham candidate. Bolt finds himself in a ruthless power game and must fight to save himself and his country. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Dreams of the Centaur RC 43565
by Montserrat Fontes
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
In this prequel to *First Confession (RC 34291)*, José Durcal is killed and his eldest son, Alejo, avenges the death with terrible results that take him to prison, war, and a brush with the slave trade. His special bond with his mother, Felipa, prevails throughout, even as Alejo risks personal danger to avert a massacre of the Yaqui Indians. Strong language and violence. 1996.

High Flight RC 43567
by David Hagberg
read by Roy Avers
5 cassettes
Guerin Airline Company hires ex-CIA officer Kirk McGarvey to investigate a spate of mysterious accidents. With the aid of his former Russian foes, Kirk uncovers a Japanese plot to sabotage U.S. planes and depress Guerin stocks. When U.S. terrorists exploit the plot for their own purposes, international turmoil ensues. Strong language. 1995.

The Sharpshooter Blues RC 43569
by Lewis Nordan
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
When two out-of-towners are shot in the general store of a sleepy Southern town, folks assume it was Morgan, the Texas-trained sharpshooter. In truth, it was the slow-witted Hydro. But the tragedy transforms several of the town's idiosyncratic characters. Some violence and some strong language. 1995.

Manhattan Transfer RC 43573
by John E. Stith
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
Without warning, all of Manhattan is swept into space by an alien force and encased in a giant bubble. The trapped humans soon discover that their city is but one of many that have been kidnapped. A small group devises a way to escape and attempts to communicate with people in other bubbles. Some strong language. 1993.

Storm Flight RC 43575
by Mark Berent
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes
In this sequel to *Eagle Station (RC 42374)*, American fliers languish in a secret Vietnamese prison, their names removed from official records. When U.S. officials discover a Soviet KGB scheme to exploit the prisoners, they direct a daring raid behind enemy lines. Strong language and violence. 1993.

Happy Never After RC 43578
by Kathy Hogan Trocheck
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Sometime-sleuth Callahan Garrity takes time from her housecleaning business to look for a missing member of the VelvetTeens, a 1960s music group planning a comeback. Then Stuart Hightower, the group's hated former producer, is found dead. VelvetTeen Rita Fontaine lies drunk nearby, the murder

weapon in her hand. Strong language. 1995.

Fire: A Novel of Hawaii RC 43579
by Armine Von Tempski
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
In 1927 a girl visits her uncle in Hawaii. Though betrothed to a proper young man in Washington, D.C., she is taken with a dashing Hawaiian cowboy, whom she later marries. Caught between cultures, the two cope with adversity, but their love holds fast. Companion to *Hula: A Romance of Hawaii (RC 30708)*. 1929.

The Unusual Life of Tristan Smith RC 43581
by Peter Carey
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
Set in the fictitious nation of Efica, this picaresque story traces the childhood of Tristan, a hideously deformed dwarf and son of a famous actress. Tristan's life is a process of losing his mother, searching for his father, and seeking self-acceptance and a place in the world. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

A White Bird Flying RC 43586
by Bess Streeter Aldrich
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Laura Deal's grandmother has died, but Laura still holds on to the dream they shared "to write lovely things." In this sequel to *A Lantern in Her Hand (RC 24820)*, Laura attends the University of Nebraska, dreaming of a literary career, but in the end recognizes the stronger claim of love. 1931.

The Brimstone Wedding RC 43587
by Barbara Vine
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Elderly Stella Newland, dying of cancer, is confined to Middleton Hall, a home for well-off old folks. Genevieve Warner, thirty and a caregiver there, is very fond of Stella. She confides about her loveless marriage, even though she doesn't think Stella will understand. But Stella knows all too well the disaster that lurks behind the revelations. 1995.

To Fear the Light RC 43588
by Ben Bova and A.J. Austin
read by Gary Tipton
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *To Save the Sun (RC 38739)*, Adela emerges from two centuries of cold sleep to resume her project to save the Earth's dying sun. Finding her new world in conflict and dissolution, she joins a voyage to a distant planet and encounters a new life form. 1994.

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn RC 43591
by Mark Twain
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
A comprehensive edition of Twain's 1885 tale about a boy who runs away from home and floats down the Mississippi on a raft with an escaping slave. Includes four episodes originally deleted from the first edition, an introduction by Twain biographer Justin Kaplan, and an addendum of explanatory and interpretive notes. Strong language. 1996.

Smoke RC 43592
by Donald E. Westlake
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
Freddie Noon, twenty-nine, is a thief. When he breaks into the apartment of two doctors doing research for the tobacco industry, they convince Freddie to sample a drug they are creating. Freddie becomes invisible! Not such a bad thing for a thief, or is it? Strong language. 1995.

Daybreak: Of Saints and Sinners, Volume 2 RC 43594
by Harold Fickett
read by Tom Martin
2 cassettes
In 1765, Abram and Sarah have been married for some time, but the inability to have children has brought discord into their marriage. Sarah now spends much of her time in Boston, where she develops an interest in John Singleton Copley, the painter. Abram, who stays behind in Newburyport, develops an interest of his own. Sequel to *First Light (RC 40431)*. 1995.

Scarlet Plume: The Buckskin Man Tales, Volume 3 RC 43595
by Frederick Manfred
read by J.P. Linton
3 cassettes
A fictional account based on the 1862 Sioux Uprising in Minnesota. Despite the atrocities she witnesses and suffers, captive Judith Raveling falls passionately in love with the mysterious Scarlet Plume. Sequel to *Lord Grizzly (RC 42917)*. Violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 1964.

Dust and Ashes: The Arbat Trilogy, Volume 3 RC 43598
by Anatoli Rybakov
read by Ken Kliban
4 cassettes
In this sequel to *Fear (RC 37477)*, Sasha Pankratov emerges from exile in 1937 to join the Russian army tank corps, which is preparing to oppose the Nazi juggernaut. Sasha fights valiantly in battle, achieves personal redemption, and is reunited with his true love, Varya. Some violence. 1996.

A Son at the Front: With an Introduction by Shari Benstock RC 43601
by Edith Wharton
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Story about American painter John Compton, whose only child, George, is called to duty in World War I. As Compton and his ex-wife bicker about protecting their son, George transfers to the front lines and is killed in battle. His parents are devastated, but artist Compton experiences an epiphany in his view of war. 1995.

Tremor RC 43602
by Winston Graham
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
A disparate cast of characters comes together at a resort hotel in Agadir, Morocco, during the 1960 earthquake. On the guest list are a novelist on the make, a thief on the lam, a movie actress on a shoot, three prostitutes on the run, and others. The final disaster affects them all. 1995.

Blue Mars RC 43603
by Kim Stanley Robinson
read by John Stratton
5 cassettes
In this sequel to *Green Mars (RC 42050)*, the red planet has become green with seas and settlements, while Earth is in peril. Settlers on Mars are drawn into a fierce struggle between the Reds, who want to preserve Mars as desert, and the Green terraformers, who want to cultivate it. The battle plunges Mars into an ice age and threatens Earth's future. 1996.

What Is Told RC 43605
by Askold Melnyczuk
read by Ken Kliban
1 cassette
Ukranian professor Zenon Zabobon weds a peasant girl, Natalka, on the day Archduke Ferdinand is shot in Sarajevo. The family survives the upheavals of two world wars, then migrates to New Jersey in 1950 only to face "the subtle sabotages of peacetime suburbia." Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

Retribution RC 43607
by Michael Grant
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
After a series of personal setbacks, rogue cop Michael Devlin quits the NYPD for a "plum" job as security director at a New York City office tower. He soon discovers that a killer is targeting company executives, the building is subject to sabotage, and he must match wits with a world-class assassin. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Extreme Denial RC 43611
by David Morrell
read by Nick Sullivan
3 cassettes
Antiterrorist agent Steve Decker took the fall for a botched covert operation in Rome and has retired to New Mexico. Then he meets gorgeous widow Beth Dwyer and disaster strikes. Decker's home is attacked and an explosion rocks Beth's. The stakes are high as Decker matches wits with his violent enemies. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Shadow of a Hero RC 43618
by Peter Dickinson
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
With the rise of ethnic nationalism in postcommunist Eastern Europe, English-born Letta and her grandfather, Restaur Vax, return to his native Varina, a fictional Balkan state. But officials there fear that Vax, the nation's last democratic leader, might spur Varian nationalism, and his family is plunged into perilous intrigue. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Mrs. Ted Bliss RC 43626
by Stanley Elkin
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Mrs. Ted Bliss is an elderly Jewish widow who lives in a Miami condo. Until now her entire life has been centered on her husband and children. Gradually, she comes to terms with the death of her husband and son and with her own identity—as Dorothy Bliss. When Hurricane Andrew bears down on Miami, she braces for the storm. 1995.

The Informer RC 43629
by Liam O'Flaherty
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
A melodrama set in Dublin in the 1920s just after the Irish rebellion. Francis McPhillip, who has killed a man and been in hiding for six months, has returned to Dublin to see his family. He is betrayed to the police by Gypo Nolan, and when surrounded, Francis shoots himself. Hunted by members of the revoluntionary organization, Gypo finds Mrs. McPhillip, Francis's mother, in church, and begs her forgiveness. 1925.

Blackwater RC 43630
by Kerstin Ekman
read by Catherine Byers
3 cassettes
Annie Raft and her six-year-old daughter, Mia, stumble upon two corpses in the forests of northern Sweden. Eighteen years later, Annie recognizes Mia's lover as the boy she had seen fleeing the murder scene of the unsolved crime. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Good Negress RC 43632
by A.J. Verdelle
read by Connie Winston
2 cassettes
In 1963 Denise Palms is caught between two worlds. She struggles with caring for her mother's newborn and looking out for her irresponsible brother, and with her desire to fulfill her educational ambitions, motivated by her inspiring teacher. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

My Other Life RC 43635
by Paul Theroux
read by John Stratton
4 cassettes
The author's "story of a life I could have lived had things been different." His imaginary memoir includes stints as teacher at an African leper colony and as writer in Singapore and London. He relates a series of encounters with eccentrics and seductive women. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Fox in the Field: a WWII Novel of India RC 43636
by Maynard Allington
read by Andrew Seear
2 cassettes
A roguish gambler is pressed by British intelligence to uncover a 1944 German plot to foment anti-British unrest in India. His espionage involves Kama Sutra interludes with a half-caste lovely and tense encounters with a ruthless Nazi intelligence agent. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

***The Blue Woman* and Other Stories RC 43638**
by Mary Flanagan
read by Barbara Caruso
2 cassettes
A series of diverse tales about the lives of women, ranging from an abused and frightened girl to an old woman in a nursing home. In the title story a British couple uncovers their mutual hostility while on holiday in Greece. The stories share a theme of women's caring and empathy for others. Some strong language. 1994.

Tek Money RC 43639
by William Shatner
read by J.P. Linton
2 cassettes
Old friend and Tek addict Peter Traynor appears one night at Jake Cardigan's door in a demented state, then suddenly dies. It seems that he was done in with a Tek "sizzler"—a chip implanted in his

brain. Jake's efforts to solve the crime involve him in an illegal weapons ring, high stakes, and personal risk. Strong language. 1995.

The Between RC 43640
by Tananarive Due
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
As a child, Hilton James was rescued from drowning by his grandmother, who perished to save him. Now a family man of almost forty, he begins to think his borrowed time is running out. Haunted by dreams of death and threatened by a psychotic who stalks his family, Hilton finds his grip on reality slipping. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Don't Die before You're Dead RC 43643
by Yevgeny Yevtushenko
read by Ken Kliban
3 cassettes
A fictionalized chronicle of the three-day attempted coup in the Soviet Union in 1991. Depicts citizens struggling for freedom yet still insecure from their long subjugation to Communism. Blends autobiography, political suspense, and love stories to dramatize the historic event. Strong language. 1995.

Morning Is a Long Time Coming RC 43661
by Bette Greene
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes (Reissue)
En route to Germany in search of the mother's love she has never known, eighteen-year-old Patty Bergen lingers in Paris and experiences her first love affair. Sequel to *Summer of My German Soldier (RC 36625)*. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1978.

The Hammer: The General, Book 2 RC 43662
by S.M. Stirling and David Drake
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Forge (RC 43242)*, General Raj Whitehall, guided by his computer, attempts to reunite the Holy Federation and rebuild the planet's civilization. Opposing his efforts, however, are barbarian forces, suspicious government officials, and resistance from his own men. Strong language and violence. 1992.

The Fire Duke: Keepers of the Hidden Ways, Book One RC 43668
by Joel Rosenberg
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
Torrie Thorsen takes friends Maggie and Ian home to North Dakota for college spring break. Suddenly werewolves attack the town and carry Torrie's mother and Maggie underground to Tir Na Nog, realm of the Fire Duke. Torrie and his father follow to rescue them from the secret city. Some strong language. 1995.

Silent Honor RC 43683
by Danielle Steel
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes
Hiroko's father is a man ahead of his time, while her mother is steeped in Japanese traditions. At eighteen, Hiroko bows to her father's wishes and travels to California to stay with cousins and attend college. It is 1941, and Hiroko soon finds herself an enemy in a foreign land. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Witch RC 43688
by Barbara Michaels
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Hoping to put a failed marriage behind her and begin a new life, Ellen, with her teenage daughter, moves into an old house in the Virginia backcountry, only to find it may be haunted by an eighteenth-century witch. 1973.

Hilda and Pearl RC 43696
by Alice Mattison
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Preadolescent Frances, growing up in 1950s Brooklyn, is confused by her complex family and world. When she finds a hidden pair of baby shoes cherished by her mother, Hilda, Frances unravels a series of tragic secrets involving her parents, Aunt Pearl, and her uncle. In time, Frances comes to realize the special bond that Hilda and Pearl share. Descriptions of sex. 1995.

Choosers of the Slain RC 43698
by James H. Cobb
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes
In the year 2006, Argentina storms a British research station in Antarctica, a first step toward taking over the frigid continent. The destroyer *USS Cunningham* is ordered to interdict an Argentine supply convoy and unsheathes high-tech firepower as she encounters extensive enemy air and sea forces. Strong language. 1996.

American Eyes: New Asian-American Short Stories for Young Adults RC 43701
edited by Lori M. Carlson
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
Ten short stories that address aspects of the Asian American experience and touch upon such themes as alienation, cultural identity, and generational differences. In "Blonde" an Asian American girl yearns to be blonde like her Barbie doll. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Summer of Rescue RC 43703
by Barbara Nelson
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
The summer of Clare's fortieth year is stressful. Her teenage daughter has discovered love and sex, while Clare finds herself the object of a younger man's fancy. An end-of-summer family reunion at the lake where her son drowned provides Clare with the insight she needs to cope. 1994.

Highways to a War RC 43707
by Christopher J. Koch
read by Steven Carpenter
3 cassettes
Asia, 1976. Australian photojournalist Mike Langford, missing in war-torn Cambodia, is presumed killed or captured. An old friend obtains the taped diaries that Langford kept until he disappeared. They reveal a story of duty, courage, and love through a decade of strife in Indochina. Strong language and violence. 1995.

The Drowning Room RC 43712
by Michael Pye
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
Recreates the adventurous life of Gretje Reyniers, a seventeenth-century Dutch woman. Orphaned at twelve, she resorts to begging, prostitution, and an unappealing marriage. Then she absconds with her sailor lover to New Amsterdam, where she amasses wealth and her lover eventually dies. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Diablo Grant RC 43723
by James M. Reasoner
read by Robert Sams
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Stark's Justice (RC 39036)*, Juan Espina, the town drunk of a New Mexico territory settlement, claims historical rights to nearby ranch property and has an ancient land grant to prove it. The dispute goes before Judge Stark, who rules for Espina, thus unleashing chaos in the frontier town. 1994.

Blue Lonesome RC 43724
by Bill Pronzini
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
Every evening Jim Messenger dines alone in the Harmony Cafe, where Janet Mitchell, another lonely soul, catches his fancy. When she commits suicide, Jim sets out to discover her story. His hunt leads him to a bleak Nevada town, where he learns Janet's terrible secret. Strong language. 1995.

Hearts and Bones RC 43725
by Margaret Lawrence
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Discovery of a woman's beaten, raped body by midwife Hannah Trevor shocks the town of Rufford, Maine, in 1786. There is also a letter of accusation, naming Hannah's lover, penned by the victim just before her death. Joining in the investigation, Hannah follows a sinuous trail of clues to the murderer. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Solar Storms RC 43726
by Linda Hogan
read by Mary Kane
3 cassettes
Seventeen-year-old Angela Jensen returns from her Oklahoma foster home to her birthplace, a desolate Indian village in northern Minnesota. There she joins with four generations of Native American women on a canoe voyage to their ancestral homeland, which is threatened by a hydroelectric dam project. 1995.

Couplings RC 43732
by Peter Schneider
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
Eduard, a biologist in West Berlin, determines the longevity of human love affairs to be three and one-half years. He wagers with two friends that the three of them will not be with their current partners one year hence. Over the course of the year, each of the three men's relationships falls victim to fate. Strong language. 1996.

Somebody Else's Mama RC 43734
by David Haynes
read by Camille McCurty Ali
3 cassettes
Al and Paula Johnson live with their twin sons in an African American town in northern Missouri. Paula cares not only for her sons, but also for her feisty and cantankerous mother-in-law, Miss

Kezee, whom Paula invited to stay after Ms. Kezee became a widow. Paula struggles to unify her household while Al runs for mayor. Some strong language. 1995.

A Simple Heart RC 43738
by Gustave Flaubert
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
The story of a French housemaid in the mid-1800s who embraces life in spite of her harsh circumstances. With faith and an inner strength, she endures a wretched childhood, a failed love, the tragic death of a nephew, and the loss of her beloved pet bird. Her end is sad, yet dignified. 1924.

Airframe RC 43760
by Michael Crichton
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
The flight of a Norton jet from Hong Kong to Denver ends badly: three dead and more than fifty others injured. Casey Singleton, Norton's quality assurance rep, must determine what caused the mid-air accident before the press crucifies the company and a huge contract is jeopardized. Strong language. Bestseller 1996.

Silent Witness RC 43767
by Richard North Patterson
read by Chuck Benson
4 cassettes
When he was a teenager, Tony Lord was falsely accused of murdering his girlfriend, Alison. Now a successful attorney, Tony learns his best friend from that time, Sam, is in a similar situation. Determined to save Sam, Tony returns to his now hated hometown. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

The Laws of Our Fathers RC 43768
by Scott Turow
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
5 cassettes
A probation officer is arrested after his mother is killed in a drive-by shooting. The confusing case comes before Judge Sonny Klonsky, who knows the victim, the accused, and the defense attorney from her college days. As the trial progresses, Sonny also becomes reacquainted with an old beau. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Anything Considered RC 43770
by Peter Mayle
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
English expatriate Bennett tenders his services to a business magnate with a secret formula for cultivating truffles in a scheme to dominate the world market. When gangsters steal the formula, Bennett snatches it back and enjoys a sybaritic holiday while being pursued across the south of France. Bestseller 1996.

Traitors Gate RC 43771
by Anne Perry
read by Terry Hayes Sales
3 cassettes
Thomas Pitt, now promoted to superintendent, is at home when his long-time friend Matthew Desmond comes to call. Desmond's father has died from an overdose of laudanum, and Desmond suspects foul play. So does Pitt when he learns that Sir Arthur Desmond was a member of the covert Inner Circle. Pitt, with the help of his wife, Charlotte, begins an investigation that uncovers betrayal in the Colonial Office and a second murder. 1995.

The Rough Rider: The House of Winslow, Book 18 RC 43774
by Gilbert Morris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Teddy Roosevelt is forming his Rough Riders, and Lewis Winslow joins up. His older brother Aaron enlists to keep an eye on Lewis and to act as a war correspondent for William Randolph Hearst. Also enlisting are Dr. David Burns and Gail Summers, his assistant. As war rages, Gail's affections shift from David to Aaron. Sequel to *The Yukon Queen (RC 42190)*. 1995.

Peace on Earth RC 43781
by Stanislaw Lem
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
Earth's governments have agreed to export the arms race to the moon, where highly intelligent, self-evolving weaponry battle each other without human carnage. Nevertheless, the Lunar Agency dispatches Ijon Tichy, of *Memoirs of a Space Traveler (RC 19264)*, to investigate. Tichy returns to Earth profoundly altered. 1994.

Geis of the Gargoyle RC 43783
by Piers Anthony
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
In this fantasy saga, Gary Gar must find a spell powerful enough to preserve the purity of the Swan Knee River, which flows into Xanth. The Good Magician Humfrey dispatches Gary to tutor an unruly girl whose magic can locate the fabled philtre and restore the river to a pristine state. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Small Town Girl RC 43784
by LaVyrle Spencer
read by Sharon Murray
3 cassettes
Country-music star Tess McPhail returns home to care for her mother, who had hip surgery. But all Tess can think about is the month she's wasting while so much work is waiting in Nashville. To make matters worse, Kenny Kronek, the boy-next-door she taunted throughout school, has become her mother's best friend. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Clean Break: A Kate Brannigan Mystery RC 43787
by Val McDermid
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
The Manchester P.I. investigates two crimes. First a Monet is stolen from an estate that is using Kate's security system, and Kate feels responsible. Then Trevor Kerr hires Kate to find out who is trying to blackmail him by sabotaging his Kerrchem industrial cleaners business. Some strong language. 1995.

Jesse James: Death of a Legend RC 43788
by Will Henry
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
A fictionalized account of the life of the infamous outlaw. Traces his youth in post-Civil War Missouri, where he joined the Confederate guerillas, his adult years as a ruthless renegade and robber of banks and trains, and his death at the hands of his comrades in 1882. Violence and some strong language. 1954.

John's Wife RC 43792
by Robert Coover
read by Fred Major
4 cassettes
John is a wealthy and prominent builder in middle America, and his wife is the "coveted object, elusive mystery, beloved ideal, hated rival, princess, saint, or social asset" of almost everyone in town. The story views John's wife through the eyes of the characters who are obsessed with her. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Autumn Lover RC 43798
by Elizabeth Lowell
read by Sharon Murray
3 cassettes
Elyssa Sutton, twenty, is startled when Hunter Maxwell offers his services as a ramrod who can handle a gun. Together they rally against the Culpeppers, a family of raiders who are stripping the Ladder S ranch of cattle. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller 1996.

Galatea 2.2 RC 43800
by Richard Powers
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
Humanist author Richard Powers is recruited by cognitive neurologist Philip Lentz to train a computer neural net to pass a university comprehensive exam in English literature. The team succeeds in developing their highbrow processor, which not only meets expectations, but begins thinking for itself. 1995.

Memoir from Antproof Case RC 43802
by Mark Helprin
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
Fictional autobiography of an American octagenarian who resides with his much younger wife and son in Brazil. As a Harvard grad, World War II fighter pilot, and investment banker, he epitomizes success in the twentieth century. Yet his deep aversion for coffee has brought him trouble and anguish. Strong language. 1995.

Chancy RC 43804
by Louis L'Amour
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Nineteen-year-old Otis Chancy, a drifter without prospects, struggles against corrupt lawmen, ruthless outlaws, and hostile Indians as he makes his way to manhood and forms his own cattle gang. 1968.

After Rain RC 43805
by William Trevor
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Stories that portray characters who experience setbacks, emotional collapse, new insights, and life's renewal. In the title story, a woman revisits the Italian pension where her family vacationed during her childhood. There she realizes that she herself has been the cause of her failed romances and other problems. 1996.

Suspects RC 43807
by Thomas Berger
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes
When Donna Howland and her young daughter are found bludgeoned, Donna's unfaithful husband is fingered as the killer. But as the circle of bizarre suspects widens, the bungling police force is stretched to solve the case amid the lunacy. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

River of Sky RC 43808
by Karen Harper
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
In 1835 widowed, impoverished Kate Craig befriends Blue Wing, her husband's other wife, and together they set out for the Mandan tribe up the Missouri River, where Kate hopes to set up a fur trade. Also on the riverboat is Rand, a part-Indian man bent on saving the Mandans from corrupt traders. Descriptions of sex. 1994.

San Juan Hill RC 43813
by Will Henry
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
A story of the assault on San Juan Hill by Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War in 1898. Recounts the war preparations as seen through the eyes of the soldiers and describes the brutal conflict and its bitter aftermath. Strong language and violence. 1962.

Good Evening Mr. and Mrs. America and All the Ships at Sea RC 43817
by Richard Bausch
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
This humorous story set in 1964 Washington, D.C., follows the antics of Walter Marshall, a naive and devout student of journalism. Walter believes that his ultimate destiny is the presidency, and his hapless forays toward manhood leave him sadder but wiser about the ways of a fast-changing world. Strong language. 1996.

Angel of the Outback: Land of the Far Horizon, Book 2 RC 43827
by Patricia Hickman
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In 1793 Rachel Langley finishes her seven-year transportation sentence in Australia and begins to make a life for herself while searching for the killer of her best friend, Betsy. When Rachel finds work with the Prentices on their struggling plantation, her desire to find Betsy's assassin almost destroys them. Sequel to *Voyage of the Exiles (RC 43445)*. 1995.

Belgarath the Sorcerer RC 43837
by David and Leigh Eddings
read by Roy Avers
5 cassettes
In this prequel to the Belgariad and the Malloreon series, Belgarath the Sorcerer is encouraged by his grandson, Garion, to explain how the evil god Torak split the world apart, and how Aldur set it right again with Belgarath's help. 1994.

The Bear Paw Horses RC 43838
by Will Henry
read by John Polk
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Crazy Horse of the Oglala Sioux makes a dying request that his people locate a secret herd of four hundred horses. Con Jenkins, a cunning outlaw, joins an elderly medicine man and a white-hating Indian girl in a desperate effort to recover the hidden herd and save the Sioux people. Violence. 1973.

Seeing Calvin Coolidge in a Dream RC 43850
by John Derbyshire
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
Chai is living the good life with his wife,

Ding, and daughter, Hetty, in suburban New York, having survived a difficult time as a Red Guard in China during the Great Cultural Revolution. Chai undergoes a midlife crisis, however, when a former lover reappears, and Ding must scheme to bring back her wayward husband. 1996.

The Wedding Dress: Stories from the Dakota Plains RC 43856
by Carrie Young
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
In the title story, Ildri, a seamstress of Norwegian descent, is asked to model an intricately made wedding dress. Upon leaving her position, Ildri buys the dress and lends it to a succession of brides in her homesteading community before finding her own bittersweet use for it. The collection's other entries are also peopled with Norwegian Americans on the Dakota plains. Some strong language. 1992.

The Pioneers: An American Family Portrait, Book 5 RC 43858
by Jack Cavanaugh
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
Jesse Morgan, twenty, lives in the lower east side tenements of 1890s New York. He dreams of a better life, knowing God will help him. But Morgan encounters tragedy when he thinks he let someone die. He flees to the West, followed by several people—including Emily, who wants to be his wife. Sequel to *The Adversaries (RC 41795)*. 1996.

Some Love, Some Pain, Sometime RC 43868
by J. California Cooper
read by Saidah Arrika Ekulona
2 cassettes
Ten stories of women who seek love, contend with the risks of romance, and eventually find happiness. In the initial story, a country-bred young woman moves to the city in search of a husband who will make her feel like a "femme fatale." Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Decision at Doona RC 43871
by Anne McCaffrey
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Seeking to escape an overcrowded and stagnant Earth, human colonists travel to a new planet called Doona. They discover that a sentient race of cat-like beings already inhabits the planet, and the colonists must make a painful decision between abandoning their new home or learning to coexist with the alien race. Followed by *Crisis at Doona (RC 43872)*. 1969.

The King of Babylon Shall Not Come against You RC 43875
by George Garrett
read by Christopher Walker
3 cassettes
Novel set in 1993. Reporter Billy Tone returns to Paradise Springs, Florida, to research crimes that took place there during the week civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. The tale is told through the voices—sometimes cynical—of participants and witnesses. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Hunter's Moon RC 43887
by Karen Robards
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
FBI agent Will Lyman stakes out a Kentucky stable to prove suspected race-fixing. When groom Molly Ballard takes money left as bait and Lyman's source kills himself, Lyman insists Molly go undercover for him, and he poses as her boyfriend. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Ugly Duckling RC 43888
by Iris Johansen
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
Mousy, plain-faced Nell Calder is attending a party on a Greek island when her husband and daughter are killed and she is badly mutilated. But why? Nicholas Tanek investigates as Nell emerges with a gorgeous new face and a new reason to live—revenge. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Empress of One RC 43889
by Faith Sullivan
read by Michele Schaeffer
3 cassettes
Young Sally Wheeler's life is overshadowed by her mother's chronic depression. Sally struggles to forge a stable life, but the strain affects her behavior and grades at school. Blessed with a talent for drama, she writes and stages a play in which she expresses her feelings. 1996.

Errands RC 43896
by Judith Guest
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
When her husband of seventeen years dies of a brain tumor, Annie Browner is grief-stricken and frantic to find a job that will provide for her three children. The Detroit family's troubles intensify until each member performs an errand of love for the others. Strong language. 1997.

The Animals' Waltz RC 43899
by Cary Fagan
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Quirky Sheila Hersh leads a double life. By day she writes ads for her father's Toronto mattress store. By night she is part of the art scene, where she stars in an underground film. Intrigued with an Austrian book of poems, Sheila goes to romantic Vienna where she makes some surprising discoveries. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Evolution's Shore RC 43900
by Ian McDonald
read by Mary Woods
3 cassettes
A meteor strikes Africa's Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2002. Soon the "Chaga," an alien plant form, spreads across Africa, transforming all life in its path. Reporter Gaby McAslan struggles to uncover the truth about government secrecy, missing persons, and "research camps." Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Wooden Fish Songs RC 43902
by Ruthanne Lum McCunn
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Three women recount stories about the life of Chinese immigrant and botanist Lue Gim Gong, whose 1870s experiments in hybridization boosted the Florida citrus industry. Recounts his life

of privation prior to emigrating, his education in America, and the alienation that he felt in spite of his professional success. 1995.

Familiar Acts RC 43910
by June Barraclough
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
As a child growing up in Victorian England, Hetty Coppen always sensed that her mother favored Hetty's younger sister. When Hetty discovers that she is a stepchild, she vows to uncover her family's past. On a trip in Italy, Hetty encounters intrigue and romance as she assembles her family history. 1993.

Two Crowns for America RC 43911
by Katherine Kurtz
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
In 1775 George Washington falls from his horse and, while unconscious, has a vision of a Masonic ceremony involving a woman. The author of Washington's vision is the ageless Masonic master, whose aim is to seat Bonnie Prince Charlie on the throne of America. Washington's vision comes to pass, while the master's is foiled. 1996.

The Middle Heart RC 43912
by Bette Bao Lord
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
During the turbulent 1930s in China, three outcasts form a bond that lasts a lifetime. Steel Hope, an undesired second son of a fallen family, is assigned a tutor, Mountain Pine, whose leg is malformed. They join with Firecrackers, an orphaned girl, in decades of struggle to survive under the Communist regime. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Everlasting Love RC 43918
by Jayne Ann Krentz and others
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Collection of short stories about love from five romance authors. In Krentz's story, a young woman in Washington state pretends to be the fiancée of a private investigator she has hired. In Linda Miller's tale, set in Montana territory in 1888, a woman's husband returns after seven years—just as she is planning to marry again. Explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

Breakheart Hill RC 43922
by Thomas H. Cook
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
A tale of young romance, racism, and tragedy in 1962 rural Alabama. The town doctor, at the time a high school senior, recounts events that led to the murder of his first love, a girl who aroused public passions by embracing the civil rights cause. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Outer Dark RC 43924
by Cormac McCarthy
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
A bleak tale of incest set in Appalachia around 1900. After fathering his sister's baby, a man abandons the infant in the woods and flees. As the frantic mother sets out on a relentless search for the child, she is pursued through the forest by three mysterious strangers. Strong language and violence. 1968.

Arrow to the Heart RC 43926
by Jennifer Blake
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Giles Castlereagh knows he is dying and

wants to be sure he has an heir to inherit Arcadia, his Louisiana plantation, but Katrine is still a virgin because their marriage remains unconsummated. Giles has arranged a tournament to pick a suitable mate for Katrine. But when Rowan de Blanc wins the honor, neither he nor Katrine are willing to obey Giles's orders, until they are locked in the tower together. Some strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

Dead Man's Walk RC 43928
by Larry McMurtry
read by Bob Askey
3 cassettes
This prequel to *Lonesome Dove (RC 22959)* recounts the early days of Gus McCrae and Woodrow Call. Not yet twenty, they enlist as members of the Texas Rangers under the command of Caleb Cobb. Traveling with the Rangers is Matilda Roberts, a hefty whore who occasionally provides comfort to the men as they head for Santa Fe across the Jornada Del Muerto. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

Maggie Cassidy RC 43932
by Jack Kerouac
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
A story of high school life and love in a New England mill town in 1939. Evokes the exuberance and anguish of adolescent romance, the joys of competitive sports, and the thrill of youthful adventures. Strong language. 1959.

Dream Man RC 43933
by Linda Howard
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Six years after a brutal incident, Marlie Keen is hopeful that her psychic abilities are gone for good. Then she is overcome with the knowledge that a man is committing a savage murder. Police detective Dane Hollister doesn't believe her until he investigates her past. But he does know he's wildly attracted to her from the start—even while he considers her a suspect. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1994.

The Insult RC 43935
by Rupert Thomson
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Martin Blom is blinded by a stray bullet in a parking lot. When he discovers that he has been gifted with night vision, he sets out on a nocturnal urban odyssey. Blom's journey leads to a startling discovery of his own past in a remote mountain village. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Sierra: A Novel of the California Gold Rush RC 43937
by Richard S. Wheeler
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
In 1849 young Ulysses McQueen heads for the California gold field, leaving his pregnant wife in Iowa. That same year, former soldier Stephen Jarvis strikes gold and makes his fortune. The two men become partners in a farming venture, just as McQueen's wife arrives to join him. 1996.

1812 RC 43939
by David Nevin
read by Bob Askey
4 cassettes
This sequel to *Dream West (RC 20213)* follows the lives of national figures

James and Dolley Madison, Andrew Jackson, and Winfield Scott. As the new republic is drawn into conflict with England, regional divisions at first beset America's war effort. The tide turns, and in 1815 Jackson wins the Battle of New Orleans. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Total Control RC 43947
by David Baldacci
read by L.J. Ganser
3 cassettes
Jason Archer tells his attorney wife, Sidney, that he is flying to Los Angeles for a job interview when in fact he is traveling to Seattle to hand over company secrets. When the L.A. plane that Jason was supposed to be on blows up, Sidney and FBI agent Lee Sawyer try to determine what actually happened to Jason. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Because They Wanted To: Stories RC 44015
by Mary Gaitskill
read by Manya LaBruja
2 cassettes
Stories about women, some bisexual, and the secrets, lies, misunderstandings, and betrayals in their love relationships. "The Dentist" tells of a woman's perverse obsession with her stodgy dentist, who resists her sexual advances. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Mirage RC 44020
by F. Paul Wilson and
Matthew J. Costello
read by Nona Pipes
2 cassettes
Medical scientist Julie Gordon has pioneered a computer scanner that visually records memories from a patient's brain. When her twin sister, Sam, falls into a coma, Julie employs the device to explore Sam's mindscape and relives the emotional traumas of their childhood. Violence and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Greygallows RC 44023
by Barbara Michaels
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
Born in 1826, heiress Lucy Cartwright is soon orphaned and grows up in an English boarding school. At sixteen she is surprised by a proposal from mysterious Baron Clare and reluctantly accepts. He takes Lucy to Greygallows, his estate, but doesn't share her bedroom and soon begins to mistreat her. Meanwhile, she discovers the Greygallows ghost. 1972.

Lucky Town RC 44031
by James Brown
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
A boy's coming-of-age escapade with his shiftless, ex-con father and a former prostitute. When they reach Las Vegas, where they scheme to strike it rich, their ventures lead to disaster for the father and a fresh view on life for the boy. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Ferengi Rules of Acquisition RC 44033
by Ira Steven Behr
read by James DeLotel
1 cassette
The guiding principles that have made the Ferengi the most successful, if unscrupulous, businessmen in the galaxy include such gems as "greed is eternal," "never place friendship above profit,"

"once you have their money . . . you never give it back," and "keep your lies consistent." Seventy of these adages are offered by Quark, the profit-motivated Ferengi barkeep of *Deep Space Nine*. A Star Trek: Deep Space Nine treatise. 1995.

The Clinic RC 44038
by Jonathan Kellerman
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
When Hope Devane, psychology professor and author of a controversial book, is murdered, police detective Milo Sturgis asks his friend, psychologist Alex Delaware, to help with the case. Delaware searches for clues by interviewing the troubled students who came before Devane's Conduct Committee. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1996.

The Cat Who Tailed a Thief RC 44143
by Lilian Jackson Braun
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
A rash of petty thievery, newcomers in Pickax, a wedding, and a couple of murders Down Below keep Qwilleran, who has bought a condo for the winter, and his cats, KoKo and Yum Yum, busy during the holiday season. Bestseller 1997.

Sole Survivor RC 44144
by Dean Koontz
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
Los Angeles journalist Joe Carpenter is devastated by the loss of his wife and two daughters, who died in a plane crash. A year later, Carpenter is shocked to meet a mysterious woman who claims to have been on that flight. She appears to bring great joy to the crash victims' loved ones, but then they each inexplicably kill themselves. Violence. Bestseller 1997.

Lovers and Liars RC 44182
by Sally Beauman
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
5 cassettes
London reporter Gini Hunter is surprised to be assigned a story with French photojournalist Pascal Lamartine, the man she had loved at fifteen. The assignment is to verify a tip that the U.S. ambassador has unusual sex habits. What Gini and Pascal don't realize is that the odd anonymous packages they receive the day they get the job are clues that they are pawns in a carefully orchestrated game. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1994.

The List RC 44207
by Steve Martini
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
Lawyer-turned-novelist Abby Chandlis has penned a sure bestseller, but the market for women authors is tight. When she attributes authorship to a cute male model, things go awry and her scam turns sour—then lethal. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Guided Tours of Hell RC 44270
by Francine Prose
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Two novellas about traveling Americans who are transformed as they confront the historic tragedies of the French Revolution and the Holocaust. In the title story, a second-rate writer dreams of Kafka while touring a concentration camp. In "Three Pigs in Five Days," a travel writer seeks to rekindle a waning

romance with her editor while on a "death tour" of Paris. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

The Heiress RC 44289
by Jude Deveraux
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
In 1572 English knight Jamie Montgomery is assigned to escort the Maidenhall heiress, who is joining her fiancé. Because Jamie's family is now impoverished, his sisters convince Jamie to try to make the heiress fall in love with him. When Jamie mistakes the heiress's cousin for her and confides his plan to the heiress, she decides not to reveal her identity. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

Acts of Love RC 44307
by Judith Michael
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
As theater director Lucas Cameron is closing his grandmother's villa in Italy, he comes across a box of letters from her protégé, Jessica Fontaine. Jessica and his grandmother were great actresses, but now his grandmother is dead, and Jessica has not been seen on stage for years. Although Lucas never liked Jessica, something about her letters compels him to seek her out. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

The Unlikely Spy RC 44315
by Daniel Silva
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
4 cassettes
History professor and Winston Churchill confidant Alfred Vicary is enjoying success as head of England's counterintelligence unit during World War II. On the eve of the Normandy invasion, he learns that a Nazi "sleeper" spy has been activated in London to discover the location of the planned D-Day campaign. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Van Gogh's Bad Café: A Love Story RC 44317
by Frederic Tuten
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Dream-like tale of a young morphine-addicted woman who becomes Vincent van Gogh's lover. She steps through a wall and forward in time to explore the alien world of late-twentieth-century New York. But a lingering concern about van Gogh returns her to him. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

The Rapture of Canaan RC 44391
by Sheri Reynolds
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Ninah Huff's Grandpa Herman, minister of the Church of Fire and Brimstone and God's Almighty Baptizing Wind, maintains control over the entire community in an isolated part of South Carolina. But Ninah, fourteen, finds herself pregnant by her prayer partner James, fifteen, because they believe they are following God's command. Some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

How Do You Spell God? Answers to the Big Questions from around the World RC 39981
by Marc Gellman and Thomas Hartman
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
A rabbi and a priest compare some of the world's major religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. They discuss ways in which each would answer such questions as these: Who are the big teachers? How should we live? When are the holy days? Who works for God? and How do you spell God? For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

Father Water, Mother Woods: Essays on Fishing and Hunting in the North Woods RC 40683
by Gary Paulsen
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
Drawing on personal experiences as a boy hunting in the woods and fishing along rivers in northern Minnesota, the author describes solo and shared adventures and traditional year-round pastimes he enjoyed outdoors as a child. Paulsen and his friends had fun, shared secrets, developed useful skills, and learned valuable lessons about life from nature. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

Maya Angelou: More than a Poet RC 43311
by Elaine Slivinski Lisandrelli
read by Melissa Maxwell
1 cassette
Draws upon autobiographies of the woman who created a poem for Bill Clinton's inauguration in 1993. Portrays Angelou as a determined person who survived a tumultuous childhood in the 1930s to become a writer, an actress, a singer, a political activist, and a humanitarian. For grades 6-9. 1996.

The Boy Scout Handbook RC 43342
by Boy Scouts of America
read by Christopher Hurt
3 cassettes
This official guide to Scouting explains the history, ideals, and organization of the Boy Scouts of America; outdoor knowledge and skills; safety and first aid; and other elements of the Scouting program. Provides guidance for advancing in the ranks from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1990.

Opening Days: Sports Poems RC 43720
by Lee Bennett Hopkins
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Collection of eighteen poems on such sports as karate, swimming, running, ice skating, soccer, football, and baseball. A swimmer says, "I'm closer than I've ever

been / to what fish feel / and think about." For grades 3-6. 1996.

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman RC 43739

by Kathleen Krull
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
African American Wilma Rudolph weighed only four pounds when she was born in 1940, and she had nineteen older brothers and sisters. Childhood polio left her leg paralyzed, but Wilma exercised until she not only walked but became an Olympic gold medal runner. For grades 2-4. 1996.

The Tarantula in My Purse: And 172 Other Wild Pets RC 43780

by Jean Craighead George
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
An animal lover recounts humorous and informational stories about the bat in the refrigerator, the skunk in the closet, the ducklings filling the bathtub, and other wild creatures her family adopted over the years. For grades 3-6. 1996.

How Do Birds Find Their Way? RC 43803

by Roma Gans
read by Butch Hoover
1 cassette
The author explains how birds navigate by using the sun's position, Earth's magnetic field, nighttime starscapes, and familiar landmarks as they migrate each year. He also discusses the considerable distances covered in various birds' migratory routes as well as the altitude at which certain bird groups fly. For grades K-3. 1996.

Alphabestiary: Animal Poems from A to Z RC 44042

selected by Jane Yolen
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
This collection, which includes one or more poems for each letter of the alphabet, features such creatures as an anteater, a bat, a firefly, a groundhog, an iguana, a mosquito, an octopus, a peacock, a unicorn, and a zebra. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1995.

Deafness RC 44047

by Elaine Landau
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
Explains the causes of deafness and describes experiences with deafness, methods of communication and education, and the "deaf community." Profiles deaf achievers, illustrating that "there is almost no job deaf people . . . cannot do." For grades 4-7. 1994.

Genetics and Human Health: A Journey Within RC 44056

by Faith Hickman Brynie
read by Butch Hoover
1 cassette
Explores the science of genetics to reveal how inherited traits affect a person's life and well-being. Traces the advance of genetic research from Gregor Mendel's work in the 1800s to recent studies of Marfan's syndrome, cystic fibrosis, and other inherited illnesses. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Peak Performance: Sports, Science, and the Body in Action RC 44061

by Emily Isberg
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
A look at how advances in science, technology, and sports medicine have helped

athletes perform better. The author follows four athletes as they prepare for various events, including a runner who trains at the U.S. Olympic Committee Training Center and a cycling champion who breaks the record for human-powered flight. For grades 4-7. 1989.

Powwow RC 44148
by George Ancona
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
The author describes festivities at Crow Fair, the biggest Native American powwow in North America. Here Lakota, Ojibwa, Cree, Fox, Crow, and other tribes gather in celebration. Explains tepee construction and describes the opening parade, drumming, and the different types of dance and costumes. For grades 3-6. 1993.

Cassettes Fiction

The Bridge to Nowhere RC 39983
by Megan McDonald
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Seventh-grader Hallie O'Shea's father seems to be angry all the time now that construction has been stopped on the bridge he was building. As Hallie tries to adjust to her father's moods, she is also adjusting to having a new boyfriend, Crane, a ninth grader. Then one day as Hallie and Crane stand by the river looking at the "bridge to nowhere," Hallie sees her father standing at the end of the bridge. For grades 6-9. 1993.

Bringing Nettie Back RC 39986
by Nancy Hope Wilson
read by Ardyth Heller
1 cassette
It's Clara's turn to ask a friend to spend a week on grandmother's farm. But Nettie has a twin sister, Patty, so Clara has two visitors. When they go back to school, Clara and Nettie become best friends. Suddenly something terrible happens to Nettie and nothing is quite the same again. Meanwhile Clara learns some important lessons about friends. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1992.

Jane of Lantern Hill RC 40703
by L.M. Montgomery
read by Barbara Rappaport
2 cassettes
Living in Toronto with an unhappy mother and a domineering grandmother, Jane Stuart is surprised to learn that her father, who she thought was dead, is alive. In response to his invitation, Jane visits him on Prince Edward Island and enjoys a special summer. She begins to believe that her parents should be reunited and sets plans in motion to achieve this goal. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1937.

The Winged Watchman RC 43107
by Hilda Van Stockum
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
Two Dutch boys endure many hardships during the Nazi occupation of Holland in World War II, but they also learn about sacrifice and heroism. Joris, ten, and his brother Dirk Jan, fourteen, take great risks to help an Allied aviator escape in the final days of the war. First published in 1962. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Thunder Cave RC 43377
by Roland Smith
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
After his mother's death, young Jake Lansa leaves his New York home on a lone quest to Kenya in search of his fa-

ther, a wildlife biologist. En route, Jake is abducted by a ruthless ring of poachers intent on locating a rare elephant herd. Jake becomes a pawn in a perilous game of greed and threatened extinction. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Dream Peddler RC 43447
by Gail E. Haley
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
John Chapman travels throughout the eighteenth-century English countryside selling his books of "words, wisdom, ideas, and dreams" to the simple folk. But his friends think he should find a better way to support his family. Then for three nights in a row, Chapman has the same dream, and he follows it to find a fortune. For grades 2-4. 1993.

The Sky Is Falling RC 43485
by Kit Pearson
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
During World War II, ten-year-old Norah and her little brother, Gavin, are sent by their parents from England to the safety of Canada. Norah is unhappy with this turn of events, but Gavin and their foster mother take to each other right away. For grades 4-6. 1989.

The Haunted Cabin Mystery RC 43504
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
The Alden children are headed for a trip up the Mississippi River on a paddle-wheel boat and a visit with their grandfather's friend, Cap Lambert. Then they learn that Cap has hurt his ankle and doesn't want visitors. As is their way, the Alden children head for his cabin anyway with plans to help Cap. For grades 4-7. 1991.

Bicycle Mystery RC 43505
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
As the Alden children plan a bicycle trip, Benny wonders what kind of adventure they will have along the way. On the first day of their trip, they get caught in a bad rainstorm and take shelter in an abandoned house. Before long a cute little dog is whining at the window. For grades 4-7. 1970.

Mountain Top Mystery RC 43509
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
The Alden children and their grandfather go for a day climb up Old Flat Top mountain. When a rock falls and cuts off their only way down, the family discovers the opening to a cave. After the Aldens are rescued, they help an elderly Indian woman retrieve a hidden treasure. For grades 3-6. 1964.

Lilly's Secret RC 43583
by Miko Imai
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Cats Lilly and Coco are having tea when Coco says she thinks Lilly's paws look weird. No one has ever mentioned her funny paws before, and now Lilly is embarrassed to go on a walk with her friend, Joey. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

The Lion's Whiskers: An Ethiopian Folktale RC 43599
retold by Nancy Raines Day
read by Melissa Maxwell
1 cassette
Fanaye longs for a family, but she has

never married, and she has grown too old to have children of her own. But one day a lonely widower offers her marriage. When Fanaye arrives at her new home, she learns that she now has a stepson. But she must pull three whiskers from a lion to win the son's love. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Toy Brother RC 43606
by William Steig
read by John Horton
1 cassette
Charles doesn't understand why his older brother Yorick doesn't want to play with him. Yorick dreams of becoming an alchemist like their father and does not have time for Charles. But all this changes dramatically when their parents go off for a week and Yorick does some experimenting in his father's lab. For grades K-3. 1996.

Those Summers RC 43608
by Aliki
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
A tone poem describes an extended family's summers at the seashore sharing a big shady house. The children spend their days playing at the beach, their evenings on the boardwalk, and rainy days reading and playing games. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

In the Night Kitchen RC 43615
by Maurice Sendak
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette (Reissue)
Mickey's dream tumbles him into the night kitchen, where three singing bakers mistake him for milk. Mickey sets them straight and flies to the Milky Way in an airplane made of dough to find milk for the bakers. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. A Caldecott Honor Book. 1970.

Bit by Bit RC 43627
by Steve Sanfield
read by Gordon Gould
1 cassette
A tailor finds a beautiful piece of cloth and makes himself a coat. He loves the coat so much he wears it out. Then he makes a jacket out of what's left of the coat. As he wears that out, the tailor must think of smaller and smaller items to make from the cloth. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

Absolutely Normal Chaos RC 43690
by Sharon Creech
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
During the summer, Mary Lou, thirteen, and her classmates are to read the *Odyssey* and keep a journal to give their new English teacher in the fall. But Mary Lou is not too keen on letting Mr. Birkway read what she has written, because when strange cousin Carl Ray came to stay, Mary Lou's summer turned into an odyssey of experiences. For grades 4-7. 1990.

Maisie RC 43691
by Alice Schertle
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
Maisie enjoys her childhood on the farm. But before long, she marries and moves away in her husband's rattle-trap car, Old Terrible. Maisie grows older and has children, grandchildren, and then great-grandchildren, but she still gets pleasure from watching fireflies and answering owl calls. For grades K-3. 1995.

Giants! Stories from around the World RC 43692
by Paul Robert Walker
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Seven classic tales on the common theme of giants, taken from cultures around the world. Ranging from the Cyclops of Homer's epic *Odyssey* to the simple, oral stories of folklorists, these tales give testimony to the pervasive belief that colossi once walked the earth. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Those Darn Dithers RC 43693
by Sid Hite
read by Lynn Schrichte
1 cassette
It is two years later in this sequel to *Dither Farm (RC 40236)*, and life in Willow County, Virginia, is still chaotic. Aunt Emma is attempting to build an "astral projector," while her husband has doubts about the book he is writing. And some of the Dither family are putting together a vaudeville act. For grades 6-9. 1996.

See You Around, Sam! RC 43709
by Lois Lowry
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Four-year-old Sam Krupnik comes home from school delighted with a set of fangs that makes him look disgusting. His mother won't let him wear them in the house, so Sam decides to run away to Alaska. But after Sam leaves home, he needs food and a drink of water—and maybe there isn't any reason to hurry to Alaska. For grades 3-6. 1996.

The Emperor's New Clothes RC 43717
by Hans Christian Andersen
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
In this tale written in the mid-1800s, two rascally weavers convince the emperor they can weave the most beautiful cloth in the world, but it will be visible only to those who are fit for the office they hold and are very clever. So the emperor orders a new set of clothes from this wonderful cloth. But when he puts them on no one can see them. For grades K-3. 1949.

Grandmother Bryant's Pocket RC 43719
by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
In 1787 Maine, eight-year-old Sarah Bryant is having nightmares about her dog, which died in a fire. Her parents send her to visit her grandmother, who cures people with herbs. Grandmother Bryant lets Sarah wear her tie-on pocket filled with herbs, and it begins to help. For grades K-3. 1996.

The Miracle of the Potato Latkes: A Hanukkah Story RC 43729
by Malka Penn
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Every year when Hanukkah arrives, Tante Golda reaches into her barrel and takes out eight of her best potatoes. She peels and grates them and makes a batch of golden, crispy latkes for her guests. But this year when Tante Golda reaches into the barrel, all she finds is one tiny potato. For grades K-3. 1994.

Five Little Peppers and How They Grew
RC 43745
by Margaret Sidney
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes (Reissue)
The five Pepper children and their mother share fun, love, and good times even though they have very little money and a great many problems. For grades 3-6. 1881.

Meet Kirsten: An American Girl
RC 43751
by Janet Shaw
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Kirsten, who is nine, comes to America aboard the *Eagle* from Sweden in 1854. She describes her voyage, the time she got lost in New York City, and her trip to Minnesota to be with some family members who arrived several years earlier. Prequel to *Kirsten Learns a Lesson (RC 43752)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

Kirsten Learns a Lesson: A School Story
RC 43752
by Janet Shaw
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
It is Kirsten's first day of school in America. The pioneer girl is a little scared, but her cousin Anna helps Kirsten learn her lessons. Kirsten must make an important decision when her new friend, an Indian girl, asks Kirsten to go away with her. Sequel to *Meet Kirsten (RC 43751)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

Kirsten's Surprise: A Christmas Story
RC 43753
by Janet Shaw
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Christmas is just a few weeks away, and Kirsten, a young pioneer girl, longs for Papa to get their trunks from town so she can have her doll Sari. But there are many things to be done on the farm before Papa can go. The day finally arrives, but the trip almost ends in tragedy. Sequel to *Kirsten Learns a Lesson (RC 43752)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

Martha Blah Blah RC 43776
by Susan Meddaugh
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Ever since Martha the dog started eating Granny Elsie's alphabet soup, she has been able to talk. Now Granny Flo takes over the soup company and decides to leave some letters out of the soup cans. But when Martha has her first bowl of the new soup, something happens to her voice. Sequel to *Martha Calling (RC 40816)*. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

The Bat in the Boot RC 43779
by Annie Cannon
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Two children find a baby bat in a boot in their garage. With their parents' help, they feed and take care of the tiny bat until night comes. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

Young Claus: Legend of the Boy Who Became Santa RC 43785
by J. Michael Sims
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Young Claus was left at the orphanage as a small child. Although he is usually good, he tends to get into mischief once in a while. One day as the children are out gathering nuts and berries, Claus lags behind and suddenly he finds himself alone in a blizzard and off on a fan-

tastic journey. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1996.

Understood Betsy RC 43786
by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
read by Carol Dines
1 cassette (Reissue)
Originally published in 1917. When her doting aunt Frances can no longer take care of her, Elizabeth Ann learns that she is to be shipped off to those Vermont cousins who make children do "chores." There she discovers who really understands her. For grades 5-8. 1987.

Why Did It Happen? Helping Children Cope in a Violent World RC 43793
by Janice Cohn
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
Six-year-old Daniel likes to visit the neighborhood grocer, Mr. James. But after the store is robbed, and Mr. James is injured, Daniel's parents have a lot of explaining to do before he is willing to go back. The author, a psychotherapist, includes a note to parents. For grades 2-4. 1994.

Inch by Inch: The Garden Song RC 43794
by David Mallett
read by John Polk
1 cassette
A youngster takes his rake and hoe and, inch by inch and row by row, plans to make a garden grow. For preschool-grade 2. 1975.

Daisy's Crazy Thanksgiving RC 43795
by Margery Cuyler
read by Sharon Murray
1 cassette
Daisy usually spends Thanksgiving helping out in her parents' restaurant. Wanting something different this year, Daisy decides to have her holiday meal with her grandparents. Though her mother warns Daisy to expect a zoo, Daisy is unprepared for the frolicksome encounter. For grades 2-4. 1990.

That's Good! That's Bad! RC 43810
by Margery Cuyler
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
A little boy visits the zoo with his parents. They buy him a big red balloon, and that's good. But what happens after that is sometimes good and sometimes bad. For preschool-grade 2. 1991.

The Girl Who Could Fly RC 43811
by William H. Hooks
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Adam Lee Graham meets Tomasina Jones the day she moves into his apartment building. And before long, Adam Lee knows that Tomasina is no ordinary girl. Besides the fact that she likes to be called Tom, she can stop a ball in midair, she draws fantastic maps, and she can appear out of nowhere. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Nick's Mission RC 43812
by Claire Blatchford
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Nick is thrilled the first day school is out and can't wait to swim in the lake. But his mother wants him to have therapy every day because his speech is deteriorating as a result of his deafness. Stubbornly deciding not to talk at all, Nick soon finds he must communicate clearly to help solve a dangerous mystery at the lake. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Meet Molly: An American Girl
RC 43831
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
In 1944 Molly McIntire's father is a doctor serving in England. At home, her mother works for the Red Cross, and Mrs. Gilford, the housekeeper, takes care of Molly, nine, and her siblings. Halloween is coming soon, and Molly and her friends are planning their costumes. Prequel to *Molly Learns a Lesson (RC 43832)*. For grades 2-4. 1989.

Molly Learns a Lesson: A School Story
RC 43832
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
During World War II, Molly's third-grade class participates in the Lend-a-Hand Contest to help the war effort. The boys decide to collect tinfoil, and the girls decide to knit socks, but none of them can knit very well. At the last minute, Molly comes up with a new idea. Sequel to *Meet Molly (RC 43831)*. For grades 2-4. 1989.

Molly's Surprise: A Christmas Story
RC 43833
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Christmas 1944 approaches, but the McIntires are sad that their father will be in England. Molly, however, is certain he will send a box of Christmas surprises. Then Molly finds a box buried in the snow on the front steps marked "keep hidden until Christmas." Sequel to *Molly Learns a Lesson (RC 43832)*. For grades 2-4. 1989.

Changes for Molly: A Winter Story
RC 43836
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Molly's dance class plans a big finale for the World War II veterans, and Molly hopes to play Miss Victory. The McIntires have just heard that Dad should be home for the show, and Molly hopes he will find her more grown up. But then she gets sick. Sequel to *Molly Saves the Day (RC 43835)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

SOS *Titanic* RC 43851
by Eve Bunting
read by Terry Donnelly
1 cassette
Fifteen-year-old Barry O'Neill is sailing to America in a first-class cabin aboard the *Titanic*. Also on board are his hometown archenemies the Flynns, but they are in steerage. Barry develops a fondness for Pegeen Flynn, and as the *Titanic* begins to sink, he struggles to free the Flynns from certain death. For grades 6-9. 1996.

Tree House Mystery RC 43852
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
A family with two boys moves in next door, and the Alden children are excited until they realize that the new neighbors never play. But when the Aldens help the brothers build a tree house and find a mystery to solve, the quiet boys turn into wonderful friends. For grades 3-6. 1969.

The Mystery of the Hidden Painting RC 43866
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
Rummaging in the attic, the Alden children find a portrait of their grandmother wearing a beautiful necklace. Grandfather explains that Grandmother put the portrait away after the necklace was stolen. A few days later, the children are shocked to see a newspaper photo of a woman wearing the necklace. They set out to find out how she got it. For grades 3-6. 1992.

Abdi and the Elephants RC 43870
by Mary W. Gehman
read by Mary Woods
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old orphan Abdi lives in Somalia with his aunt and uncle and helps tend the family's goats and crops. Abdi longs to have his own farm and dreams of one day leaving his village to attend school to learn better ways of farming. Sage advice from a village elder inspires Abdi to realize his dreams. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Weird Wolf RC 43879
by Margery Cuyler
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Third-grader Harry Walpole wakes up one night and realizes he is turning into a werewolf. Looking like a strange dog, Harry has an overwhelming urge for McDonald's hamburgers. When the next full moon brings on the same transformation, Harry knows he needs to break the spell. For grades 2-4. 1989.

Star Hatchling RC 43881
by Margaret Bechard
read by Dani Carr
1 cassette
Hanna, an Earthling teen, falls out of a spaceship and lands in a world populated by intelligent lizard-like creatures. She is adopted by Shem and Cheko, a pair of siblings with whom Hanna comes to share a close friendship and some novel adventures. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Dear Mom, You're Ruining My Life RC 43883
by Jean Van Leeuwen
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
Starting sixth grade is hard enough for Samantha, being taller than almost everyone else and not being in the "in" crowd, but why does her mother have to make it worse? Sam leaves her mother notes explaining things Mom needs to change to be a better and less embarrassing mother. For grades 5-8. 1989.

The Revenge of the Forty-Seven Samurai RC 43895
by Erik Christian Haugaard
read by Robert Sams
2 cassettes
A legendary story of samurai justice, set in 1701 feudal Japan. Jiro, a servant boy, narrates a chain of events that begins with the death of Lord Asano at the hands of a dishonorable rival. Forty-seven of Asano's loyal samurai plan and execute a daring plot to avenge him. Violence. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

Sees Behind Trees RC 43898
by Michael Dorris
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
In the sixteenth century, Walnut is a Native American boy who discovers that he does not see as well as others do. He develops his other senses to earn both the respect of his people and his adult name, "Sees Behind Trees." He then accompanies an elder warrior to find the mysterious "land of water." For grades 3-6. 1996.

The Gator Girls RC 43901
by Joanna Cole and
Stephanie Calmenson
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Amy and Allie are alligators and best friends who have a list of fun things to do together during their summer vacation. But when Allie learns that she is going to camp, the gator girls must cram a whole summer's worth of plans into one day. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Children of the Longhouse RC 43907
by Joseph Bruchac
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
A tale set in the late 1400s about Ohkwa'ri, an eleven-year-old Mohawk boy who overhears some older boys planning to raid another village. When Ohkwa'ri tells the village elders, he becomes the target for the older boys' revenge. Later, in a tribal lacrosse game, Ohkwa'ri must avoid injury with honor. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Out of the Dark RC 43913
by Betty Ren Wright
read by Mary Woods
1 cassette
Jessica and her parents will live in Grandma Belland's vacant house for a couple of years while Dad writes a book. Jessica's delight with the move fades when she begins having nightmares about an angry woman and then sees her ghost. Reading Grandma's childhood diaries, Jessica begins to understand the haunting. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Last Piper RC 43914
by Helen Cavanagh
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Shortly after their father dies, Christie and her little brother, Mikey, accompany their mother on a trip to Scotland. Mikey startles them by announcing he lived here before he was born to Mommy. Then they meet an elderly woman, and Mikey claims to be her long-dead brother Firth. For grades 3-6. 1996.

When the Whippoorwill Calls RC 43930
by Candice F. Ransom
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Polly and her parents live in the Blue Ridge Mountains during the 1920s and 1930s and look after their landlord's cattle. Polly's father scoffs at talk that the government plans to turn their mountain into a park, but soon they are told to move. Will a new house with electricity make up for living on the dull flatlands? For grades K-3. 1995.

The Junior Thunder Lord RC 43936
by Laurence Yep
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Retelling of a Chinese fable from the seventeenth century. When a drought settles in his village, merchant Yue must travel to sell his wares. On the road,

Yue is kind to a large, odd man named Bear Face, who gratefully vows to help Yue in return. For grades K-3. 1994.

Mr. Tucket RC 43949
by Gary Paulsen
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
In 1848 Francis Alphonse Tucket turns fourteen while he and his family travel from their Missouri farm to Oregon by wagon. As he shoots his new rifle, the wagon train leaves. Francis is kidnapped by Pawnees and held captive until mountain man Jason Grimes rescues him. Now Mr. Grimes has to teach Mr. Tucket to survive in the wild. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Call Me Francis Tucket RC 43950
by Gary Paulsen
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Mr. Tucket (RC 43949)*, young Francis Tucket has parted ways with the mountain man who rescued him from the Pawnees. Francis is now heading alone to Oregon to find his family's wagon train. Along the way he is accosted by a thieving duo and makes three new friends: a mule and two orphaned children. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Black Stallion Returns RC 44019
by Walter Farley
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette (Reissue)
In this story, originally written in 1945, Alec Ramsey's love for the Black Stallion leads him halfway around the world in search of an obscure Arabian sheikhdom, where he hopes to find the Black. For grades 4-7. 1945.

Believing Sophie RC 44026
by Hazel Hutchins
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Sophie rides her bike to the store to buy ingredients for cookies and some cough drops for her father. When she loses something on the way home and has to return to the store, Sophie is accused of stealing the cough drops she bought the first time. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Surprise Family RC 44034
by Lynn Reiser
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
A newly hatched baby chick is surprised to find her mother is a boy. He raises her, and when she becomes a hen, she wants children of her own. The boy finds some motherless eggs, and the hen happily adopts them, not realizing they are not chicken eggs. For grades K-3. 1994.

Zia RC 44035
by Scott O'Dell
read by Ann Hodapp
1 cassette (Reissue)
In this sequel to *Island of the Blue Dolphins (RC 22397)*, Zia, a fourteen-year-old Indian girl and her brother, Mando, make plans to rescue Aunt Karana using a boat they found washed up on the beach. Their aunt was left behind on the Island of the Blue Dolphins eighteen years ago. For grades 5-8. 1976.

No! No! No! RC 44048
by Anne Rockwell
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
A little boy knows it's a bad day from the minute he wakes up. He doesn't

like his cereal, even the toothpaste tastes terrible, and his mother makes him wear a horrible plaid shirt and his raincoat. And that's just the beginning. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

The Little Prince RC 44071
by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
read by James DeLotel
1 cassette (Reissue)
The narrator's plane is forced down in the African desert, where he meets the little prince from Asteroid B-612, who freely shares his experiences with the fascinated pilot. For grades 3-6. 1943.

The King's Commissioners RC 44139
by Aileen Friedman
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Every time a problem occurs in the royal kingdom, the king appoints a commissioner. There is one for Flat Tires, one for Things That Go Bump in the Night, another for Spilt Milk, and one for Wrong Turns. In fact, there are so many the king decides to count them all, but that presents another problem. For grades 2-4. 1994.

Tree of Dreams: Ten Tales from the Garden of Night RC 44140
by Laurence Yep
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Ten stories about dreams from Japan, China, India, Greece, Senegal, and Brazil. In "Dream Girl," a young prince uses his cleverness to find and marry a princess from his dreams. In "The Fool's Dream," a slave uses his ability to solve riddles to make his vision come true. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Cuando Era Puertorriqueña RC 40892
por Esmeralda Santiago
leído por Maria Pino
2 cassettes
Historia autobiográfica que recuerda la cultura y facilidad de un barrio puertorriqueño. La autora y sus hermanos menores vinieron a Brooklyn en compañía de su madre ambiciosa. Al principio la nueva vida es desconcertante y la familia no habla inglés, pero Esmeralda aprende a superar la adversidad logrando, por fin, una vida de tremenda y extraordinaria trayectoria. Contiene descripciones de índole sexual. (Autobiographical account of memories of the culture and freedom of a Puerto Rican barrio. Santiago and her ten younger siblings were brought to Brooklyn by their ambitious mother. Harsh as her new life is, and unable to speak English at first, she learns to cope and then to thrive. Some descriptions of sex.) 1994.

Adiós, Muñeca RC 40895
por Raymond Chandler
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
El detective Philip Marlowe intenta resolver un asesinato en el que se mezclan los garitos de California y tres mujeres peligrosas. (Detective Philip Marlowe tries to solve a murder involving the

California gambling scene and three potentially dangerous women.) 1987.

La Cuna Caerá RC 40896
por Mary Higgins Clark
leído por Maria Pino
3 cassettes
Katie DeMaio, joven viuda atractiva y brillante abogado de una pequeña ciudad de Nueva Jersey, sufre una leve hérida tras un accidente de tránsito. Pasando la noche en el hospital, Katie ve desde la ventana de su habitación cómo trasladan el cuerpo de una mujer hasta un coche situado en el estacionamiento. Al día siguiente, la mujer es encontrada muerta y su muerte declarada como un suicidio. Una aterradora historia de suspenso sobre una conspiración médica. (Recently widowed Katie DeMaio, a bright, attractive young prosecutor in a small New Jersey town, is brought to Westlake Hospital with minor injuries received in a driving accident. From the window in her hospital room she sees a woman's body being carried to a car on the parking lot in the middle of the night. The next day the woman is found dead and declared a suicide. A frightening story of medical conspiracy.) 1982.

El Espía que Surgió del Frío RC 40897
por John Le Carré
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
El último agente británico que operaba tras la Cortina de Hierro es asesinado por un agente de la Alemania Oriental. Los británicos envían a un agente secreto, que se hace pasar por desertor, con la misión de atrapar al alemán y destruirlo. (After the last British agent behind the Iron Curtain has been killed by an East German agent, the British send a secret agent, posing as a defector, to trap the East German and destroy him.) 1987.

Los Herederos RC 40898
por Harold Robbins
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
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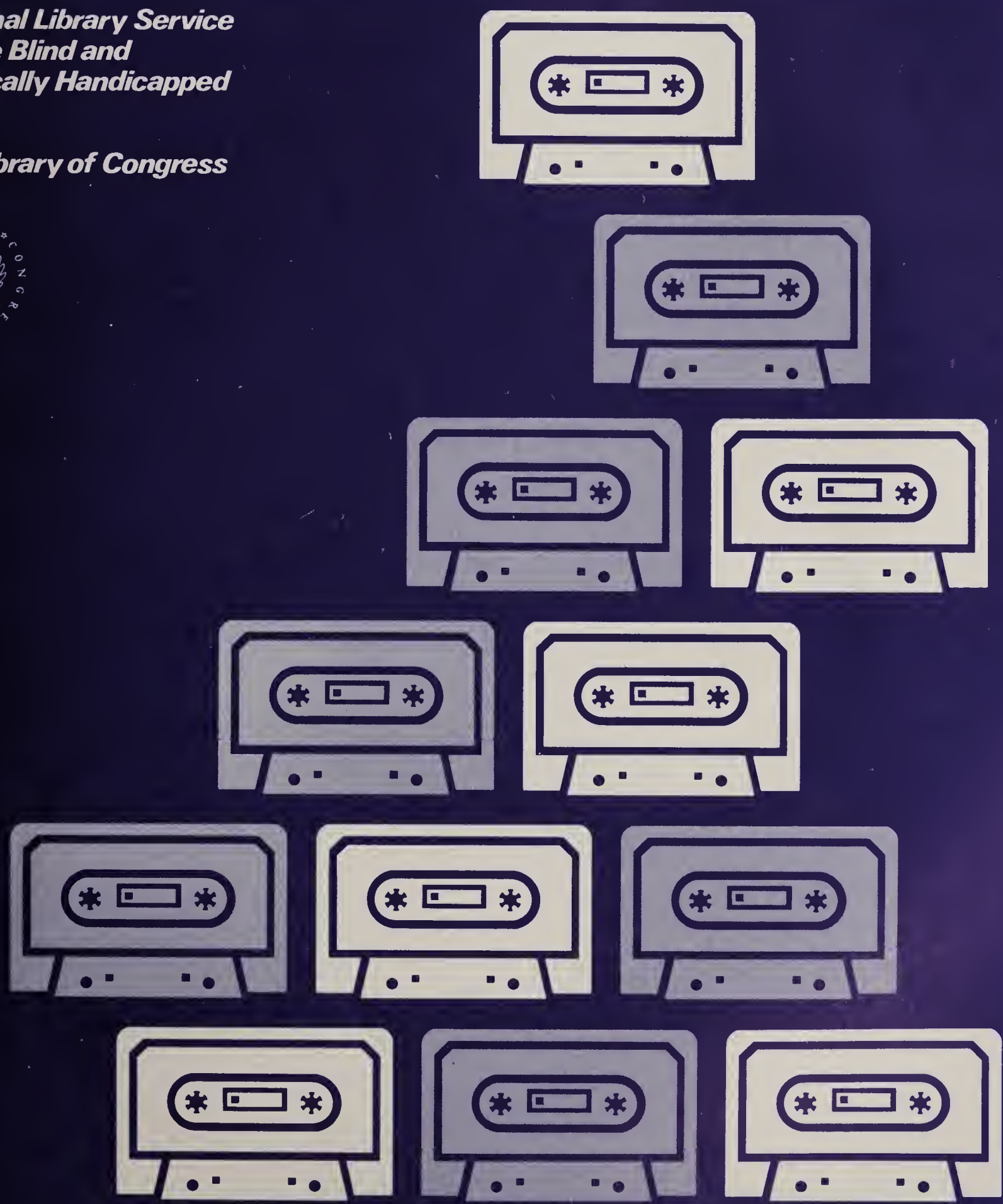

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Cassettes Nonfiction

A Mouthful of Rivets: Women at Work in World War II RC 40825
by Nancy Baker Wise and Christy Wise
read by Barbara Rappaport
2 cassettes
Nancy Baker Wise was among the many women who stepped into jobs left vacant by World War II soldiers. She and her daughter interviewed 137 others like her to describe that experience. The women discuss the types of jobs taken, the training provided, the attitudes of male co-workers and supervisors, the effects on the women's home life, and their displacement after the war. 1994.

Betrayal: The Story of Aldrich Ames, an American Spy RC 40826
by Tim Weiner and others
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Three *New York Times* reporters tell how the CIA bureaucrat sold information to the Soviets from 1985 to 1994. Basing their account on interviews with dozens of the people involved and on documentary sources, they probe Ames's motives and the CIA's tardiness in detecting his betrayal. 1995.

Minding the Children: Child Care in America from Colonial Times to the Present RC 40846
by Geraldine Youcha
read by Susan McInerney
4 cassettes
A general survey with personal accounts. Youcha maintains that American child care has varied more than is commonly supposed. Colonial tradesmen reared their apprentices, older children cared for slave babies while "mammies" brought up the owner's children, utopian societies used communal systems, and the rich sent their offspring to boarding schools. 1995.

Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem RC 40906
by David Blankenhorn
read by Phil Regensdorf
3 cassettes
The founder of the Institute for American Values decries the erosion of the patriarchal role in American life, presenting this decline as the cause of poverty, violence against women, and child abuse. He cites unsatisfactory fatherhood models and describes the "good family man." He then proffers

twelve proposals for shoring up fatherhood as a vital male role. 1995.

Human Wishes RC 40909
by Robert Hass
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Short poems and poetic sketches by a United States poet laureate. "Spring Drawing" reflects the difficulty of capturing life in art, "Vintage" presents impressions and fleeting thoughts while visiting a deli and a liquor store on Sixth Avenue, and "A Story about the Body" tells how a composer loses interest in a painter when he learns she has had a double mastectomy. 1989.

Saddam Hussein: Absolute Ruler of Iraq RC 40910
by Rebecca Stefoff
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Begins with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, then recounts Hussein's early life of abandonment, poverty, and abuse. Continues by interweaving Hussein's life story with the history of Iraq and concludes with an account of Desert Storm. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

Insanely Great: The Life and Times of Macintosh, the Computer That Changed Everything RC 40918
by Steven Levy
read by Jeff Halberstadt
2 cassettes
The author of *Hackers (RC 22832)* and *Artificial Life (RC 36701)* tells how enthusiastic, iconoclastic "nerds" seized upon bit-mapping and the mouse to create the friendly, popular Macintosh personal computer. Anecdotes about Steve Jobs, Jef Raskin, Bill Gates, John Sculley, and others portray eccentricities, conflicts, and brilliance. 1994.

The Jury: Trial and Error in the American Courtroom RC 40932
by Stephen J. Adler
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
The legal editor of the *Wall Street Journal* examines how seven juries reached their decisions. He concludes that jurors' inadequacies are leading to wrong verdicts and proposes changes to improve the system: making jury duty more convenient, eliminating peremptory challenges, giving juries fuller and clearer instructions, and allowing them to take notes. 1994.

Grace Happens: Stories of Everyday Encounters with Grace RC 40997
by Bob Libby
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
A collection of stories in which the author sees the influence of God's grace in everyday life. Relates incidents of forgiveness and reconciliation, courage, healing, or a change in life's direction. Includes reflections, Scripture verses, and prayers. 1994.

Dr. Seuss and Mr. Geisel: A Biography RC 41116
by Judith and Neil Morgan
read by Conrad Feininger
2 cassettes
Biography of the noted author and illustrator of whimsical children's books. Geisel, who wrote under the pseudonyms Dr. Seuss and LeSieg (Geisel spelled backward), first published his drawings in college in Dartmouth's humor magazine. He went on to Oxford to study literature but was convinced by

classmate and future wife, Helen Palmer, to concentrate on drawing. 1995.

Moving Violations: War Zones, Wheelchairs, and Declarations of Independence RC 41210

by John Hockenberry
read by Ray Hagen
3 cassettes

Hockenberry has been a reporter, commentator, and host for National Public Radio and television. He writes of the nineteen years since a car accident left him paraplegic at nineteen. His frustration and humor come through in describing such incidents as a construction crew's placing orange cones around him after a spill from his chair. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Nine Lives: From Stripper to Schoolteacher; My Year-Long Odyssey in the Workplace RC 41302

by Lynn Snowden
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes

Convinced that "what you do during the day determines who you are at night," a freelance journalist describes the effect of taking nine very different jobs in one year. She was a roadie for a heavy metal band, a publicist, a factory worker, a substitute teacher, a stripper, a housewife, a cocktail waitress, an ad writer, and a volunteer at a rape crisis center. Some strong language. 1994.

The Old Farmer's Almanac Book of Everyday Advice RC 41560

edited by Judson D. Hale
read by June Carter
2 cassettes

Since its first edition in 1792, *The Old Farmer's Almanac* has been giving advice. Editor-in-chief Hale again provides advice for your home and for your life. Contains humorous hints on how to stop snoring, avoid dying, and get rich without doing any work. Other examples are how to make George Washington's Christmas eggnog, what to eat for various holidays, and how to grow the tastiest tomatoes. 1995.

Nature Crafts with a Microwave RC 41561

by Dawn Cusick
read by Miriam Wagner
1 cassette

Microwave ovens can be used to dry fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, mosses, fungi, cones, pods, seeds, and nuts. These items can be shaped with floral wire, picks, pins, tape, and glue to form objects such as wreaths, birdhouses, jewelry, and ornaments, or made into potpourri, lip balm, tea, and clothing dye. Included are general and specific instructions and designer tips for more than eighty projects. 1994.

Roommates: My Grandfather's Story RC 41562

by Max Apple
read by Arnie Warren
2 cassettes

From three generations living under the same roof in Michigan, young Max chose his grandfather, Rocky, for a roommate. A Jewish baker from Lithuania, Rocky finally accepted the sad fact that Max was not cut out to be a rabbi. In graduate school, Max again shared his apartment with feisty, widowed, ninety-three-year-old Rocky. A woman broke the duo up, but until Rocky died at 106, he remained a central figure in Max's life. Some strong language. 1994.

The Strange Case of Dr. Kappler: The Doctor Who Became a Killer RC 41564
by Keith Russell Ablow
read by Arnie Warren
2 cassettes
While on vacation in 1990, retired anesthesiologist John Kappler purposely drove his car into two pedestrians, killing one. He claimed he was responding to voices in his head. Kappler had attempted to kill patients more than once during his career but was allowed to continue working. Ablow, a psychiatrist, journalist, and friend of Kappler's victim, discusses the case. Some strong language and some violence. 1994.

Complete and Utter Failure: A Celebration of Also-Rans, Runners-Up, Never-Weres, and Total Flops RC 41576
by Neil Steinberg
read by John Lescault
2 cassettes
A *Chicago Sun-Times* reporter's comic musings. He ponders failed products like Premier smokeless cigarettes and Corfam fake shoe leather and dissects the National Spelling Bee, which, he says, produces 8,999,999 losers. He also discusses the motivating force of "tippytopness," which drew Sir Edmund Hillary to the top of Mt. Everest and others to frozen graves. 1994.

Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir RC 41663
by Paul Monette
read by Ray Hagen
3 cassettes
An account of the author's final two years with his companion and "beloved friend" Roger Horwitz, who died of AIDS in 1986. The poet and novelist chronicles the suffering endured in the months between the diagnosis and death of his lover, with whom he had spent more than ten years. Prequel to *Becoming a Man (RC 41664)*. 1988.

Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story RC 41664
by Paul Monette
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Author of *Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir (RC 41663)* explains in this sequel how he wasted years of his life before he came out of the closet. Monette's self-portrait depicts his resentment of the duplicity in his life, his struggle to come to terms with his homosexuality, and the relief he felt once he met Roger, his longtime companion. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1992.

Red Hot Mamas: Coming into Our Own at Fifty RC 42873
by Colette Dowling
read by Barbara Rappaport
2 cassettes
Dowling asserts that as Baby Boomers reach their fifties, they are faced with new challenges and new opportunities. Dowling presents eight "choice points" that she feels women must consider: social barriers, physical appearance, aging parents, work, love, sex, money, and hormone therapy. 1996.

See Naples: A Memoir RC 43135
by Douglas Allanbrook
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
An American harpsichordist and composer who spent 1943-1945 with the U.S. infantry in Italy recounts those years and adds memories of his other visits to Naples: five years later as a Fulbright fellow and eighteen years after that on a personal quest. He tells of his

lover, his first wife, and, mostly, of his army buddies. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Grand Expectations: The United States, 1945–1974 RC 43349
by James T. Patterson
read by Ralph Lowenstein
7 cassettes
A historical overview of post-World War II America. Tracks and explains key political, economic, and social events through periods of economic boom, cold war tension, and social turbulence. Traces declines in public optimism and trust of government from the early 1970s. 1996.

After Thought: The Computer Challenge to Human Intelligence RC 43398
by James Bailey
read by Michael Consoli
2 cassettes
Projects a future in which the traditional method of problem solving using sequential math will be eclipsed by computerized parallel processing on a large scale. The evolution of computer "intelligence" that is basically different from human thought will transform both our understanding of the world and our role in it. 1996.

Quest for Perfection: The Drive to Breed Better Human Beings RC 43452
by Gina Maranto
read by Mary Woods
3 cassettes
Discusses the efforts of societies through the ages to control the outcome of human reproduction. Traces the ancient practice of infanticide, the eugenics experiments of the Nazis, and the development of modern birth technologies. Ponders the ethical and political implications of trying to manage evolution. 1996.

***Better Homes and Gardens* New Cook Book RC 43582**
edited by Jennifer Dorland Darling
read by Patricia McDermott
9 cassettes
Twelve hundred recipes designed to reflect the healthier eating habits sought by many Americans. After a chapter covering cooking basics, twenty sections range from appetizers to vegetables, with nutritional information for each recipe. Where applicable, recipes are marked as quick to prepare or low in fat. 1996.

In-Line Skating RC 43585
by Mark Powell and John Svensson
read by Randy Wieck
1 cassette
Introductory guide for both novice and advanced skaters. The authors advise on fundamental topics such as safety, skate maintenance, stopping, turning, and gliding, as well as on advanced activities such as racing, roller hockey, and dance. 1993.

Mary Renault: A Biography RC 43706
by David Sweetman
read by Peter Gil
3 cassettes
Reviews the life and works of a historical novelist and key figure in the sexual revolution of the mid-twentieth century. Traces her early years at Oxford as a nurse, her literary career, and her later life in South Africa. Explores parallels between her own life and themes of her writings. 1993.

Buffalo Nickel: A Memoir RC 43711
by Floyd Salas
read by Robert Sams
3 cassettes
The author recounts his hardscrabble youth in depression-era California. Describes his inner struggle between the influences of his older brothers, one Harvard educated and the other a street criminal. Culminates in a brutal boxing-ring showdown. Strong language and violence. 1992.

Jihad vs. McWorld RC 43728
by Benjamin R. Barber
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
Examines the forces of political fragmentation ("jihad") and economic homogenization ("McWorld") that pervade post-cold war societies and discusses the relationship between these forces. Concludes that "neither . . . offers us a future that is other than bleak." 1995.

Touched by Fire: The Life, Death, and Mythic Afterlife of George Armstrong Custer RC 43748
by Louise Barnett
read by Robert Sams
4 cassettes
A life portrait of the legendary figure of the June 25, 1876, Battle of the Little Bighorn. Examines the events of that day and the decisions leading up to the decimation of Custer's forces. Attributes Custer's lasting recognition to the ceaseless efforts of his wife, Libbie Custer. Violence. 1996.

Cries of the Spirit: A Celebration of Women's Spirituality RC 43797
edited by Marilyn Sewell
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
More than three hundred selections of poetry and prose by women authors, all addressing religion and spirituality. Sections such as "Mothering," "Generations," "The Will toward the Good," and "Images of the Divine" include works by Alice Walker, Margaret Atwood, Joyce Carol Oates, Anne Sexton, and others. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

A Hero All His Life: A Memoir by the Mantle Family RC 43806
by Merlyn Mantle and others
read by Art Metzler
2 cassettes
A portrait of baseball legend Mickey Mantle from the perspective of his family. Recounts his early days of glory with the New York Yankees, his troubled family life, his chronic dependency on alcohol, and the controversial liver transplant that he received just before his death in 1995. 1996.

The Making of a Country Lawyer RC 43814
by Gerry Spence
read by Randy Atcher
4 cassettes
Chronicles Spence's first forty years, before he gained fame for winning a multimillion-dollar verdict on behalf of the dead plutonium worker Karen Silkwood. Tells of his mother's suicide when Spence was ten, his own alcoholism, and his affair with the woman who became his second wife. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Hyperspace: A Scientific Odyssey through Parallel Universes, Time Warps, and the Tenth Dimension RC 43819
by Michio Kaku
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Describes a universe of ten dimensions using a superstring theory of hyperspace that synthesizes relativity and quantum theories. Views the basic forces of the cosmos—gravity, electromagnetism, and nuclear forces—as vibrations in a higher dimensional space, thus accounting for their varying mathematical descriptions. 1994.

The Moral Compass: Stories for a Life's Journey RC 43820
edited by William J. Bennett
read by Janis Gray
7 cassettes
In this companion volume to *The Book of Virtues (RC 37818)*, Bennett uses stories and poems to provide examples that will inspire and instruct people of all ages. The book is arranged according to life stages from "home and hearth" through "into the world" to "citizenship and leadership." It includes selections from Hans Christian Andersen, John Milton, James Baldwin, Martin Luther, and Thomas Jefferson. Bestseller 1995.

Touched with Fire: The Land War in the South Pacific RC 43849
by Eric Bergerud
read by Lewis Grenville
4 cassettes
Recounts the experiences of Allied soldiers in South Pacific battles against the Japanese from 1942 to 1944. Depicts the harsh conditions of climate, terrain, and disease that exacerbated the difficulties of fierce, close-in combat. Describes the campaign as unique in this century. Violence. 1996.

The Lost Gospel of the Earth: A Call for Renewing Nature, Spirit, and Politics RC 43859
by Tom Hayden
read by Gordon Gould
2 cassettes
Asserts that the origins of today's environmental crisis are rooted in humankind's perceived dominion over nature, a belief supported by Western religious traditions. Calls for a new ethic of nature mysticism, which regards the earth as alive and sacred. Advocates public policies that respect the environment. 1996.

Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance RC 43877
by Barack Obama
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes
Obama, his father a Kenyan student and his mother a white Kansan, struggles with issues of identity and ethnicity. A Harvard Law School graduate, community organizer, and civil rights lawyer, Obama recounts a life-changing pilgrimage to Kenya to meet relatives from his father's other marriages. Some strong language. 1995.

Tomorrow, God Willing: Self-Made Destinies in Cairo RC 43903
by Unni Wikan
read by Gabriella Cavallero
3 cassettes
An anthropologist examines everyday life among the poor of Cairo. Chronicles one family's struggle to survive its squalid existence. Avers that these poor do not suffer from a "poverty of spirit" but avoid the moral decay that seems to

pervade poor districts in many other cities. 1996.

Operation Solo: The FBI's Man in the Kremlin RC 43917
by John Barron
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
An account of the FBI's Cold War espionage operation against the Soviet Union using double agent Morris Childs. As a high official of the American Communist Party from the 1950s to the 1970s, Childs was privy to super-secret Soviet information, which he passed to the FBI. Recounts times when Childs was almost exposed. 1996.

Bordering on Chaos: Guerrillas, Stockbrokers, Politicians, and Mexico's Road to Prosperity RC 43923
by Andres Oppenheimer
read by Jake Williams
3 cassettes
A journalist's account of political and economic changes in Mexico during the mid-1990s. Gives perspective on the 1994 Zapatista rebellion and political assassinations, the NAFTA accords, and more. Explains the importance of the United States's southern neighbor in the post-cold war era. 1996.

Passages: Predictable Crises of Adult Life RC 43929
by Gail Sheehy
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Explores the developmental stages of adults between eighteen and fifty based on interviews and research. Includes such stages as "The Trying Twenties" and the "Urge to Merge," "Catch Thirty," "The Age Forty Crucible," "The Sexual Diamond," and finally, "Self-Renewal." Prequel to *New Passages (RC 40839)*. Bestseller. 1976.

The Sea Hunters RC 43934
by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo
read by Bob Askey
3 cassettes
A hunter of shipwrecks documents the discovery or survey of twelve major ships in deep waters. Each ship's story begins with an account of its final voyage, then describes how the ship was found. Featured are the Confederate submarine *Hunley* and the Allied troop transport *Léopoldville*, among others. 1996.

Personal History RC 43945
by Katharine Graham
read by Barbara Caruso
6 cassettes
Memoir of the celebrated woman publisher of the *Washington Post*. Recounts her father's purchase of the *Post* in 1934 and her marriage to Phil Graham, who managed the newspaper until his suicide in 1963. Katharine reluctantly took over and became by some accounts "the most powerful woman in the world." Bestseller 1997.

Don't Know Much about the Civil War: Everything You Need to Know about America's Greatest Conflict but Never Learned RC 44025
by Kenneth C. Davis
read by Terence Aselford
3 cassettes
Depicts the Civil War from a humanistic point of view. Examines the causes, events, and aftermath of the war, citing dramatic, firsthand accounts of both prominent and obscure persons who were involved. Avers that the divisive legacy of the Civil War continues to

plague American politics, society, and life. 1996.

Hit and Run: How Jon Peters and Peter Guber Took Sony for a Ride in Hollywood RC 44041
by Nancy Griffin and Kim Masters
read by Kerry Cundiff
4 cassettes
In 1989 Sony made the controversial purchase of Columbia Pictures. The authors chronicle how the staggering sums spent by Sony and the huge amounts lavished by studio heads Peters and Guber led to one of the worst losses in Japanese corporate history. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Tax Options and Strategies: A State-by-State Guide for Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Their Families RC 44044
by Bruce E. Bondo
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
A self-help handbook to aid disabled persons, senior citizens, and veterans in accessing federal, state, and local tax benefits. Covers earned income credits, medical deductions, sales tax exemptions, and other opportunities for tax relief. 1995.

Ashes of Glory: Richmond at War RC 44046
by Ernest B. Furgurson
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
A "people's history" of the capital of the Confederacy and its role as the South's military, industrial, and administrative center during the Civil War. Furgurson includes firsthand accounts from the city's diverse residents: slave dealers, spies, nurses, preachers, politicians, and refugees. Some strong language. 1996.

Horace's Hope: What Works for the American High School RC 44050
by Theodore R. Sizer
read by John Richardson
2 cassettes
Builds upon its prequel, *Horace's School (RC 37206)*, in addressing educational deficiencies in American high schools. Indicts standardized testing as a poor gauge of achievement, stressing the value of individual project "exhibitions." Proposes measures for improving the educational system. 1996.

With God on Our Side: The Rise of the Religious Right in America RC 44054
by William Martin
read by Lou Harpenau
4 cassettes
Traces the rise of Christian fundamentalism since World War II as a major force in American political life. Assesses the influence of Christian activists on such public policy issues as school prayer, abortion, and gay rights. Predicts a coming era of conflict and diminished freedom for religion in America. 1996.

Learn to Earn: A Beginner's Guide to the Basics of Investing and Business RC 44064
by Peter Lynch and John Rothchild
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
Believing America's high schools have forgotten to teach one of the most important courses of all—investing—the authors offer a guide for first-time investors, young or old. Explains the value of investing early in life, how to pick a company, how to read stock pages and balance sheets, and how to make a prof-

it. For senior high and older readers. Bestseller 1995.

Health against Wealth: HMOs and the Breakdown of Medical Trust RC 44066

by George Anders
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Portrays the transformation of the American health-care industry from the traditional fee-for-service model to managed care. Avers that managed care may reduce paperwork and curtail superfluous medical procedures, but can also restrict both patients' choices and doctors' treatments. Suggests ways to improve managed care. 1996.

Through Fire and Water: An Overview of Mennonite History RC 44074

by Harry Loewen and Steven Nolt
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
History and tenets of the Mennonite Church. The authors discuss its roots in New Testament Christianity and Anabaptist origins in sixteenth-century Switzerland. They also look at the impact of reforms led by Menno Simons and the spread of the faith throughout Europe and eventually to the other continents of the world. 1996.

Raising Our Children's Children RC 44075

by Deborah Doucette-Dudman
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Handbook for grandmothers as primary caregivers of their grandchildren. The authors discuss the under-reported problem of "kinship care" as they present case histories augmented by guidelines for dealing with such issues as conflict management, drug addiction, and physical and sexual abuse. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Six Years of Hell: Harpers Ferry during the Civil War RC 44076

by Chester G. Hearn
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
Chronicles the destruction and harassment inflicted on the small Virginia town, which was always near the front lines and changed hands frequently. Recounts events from John Brown's arrival in 1859 through the end of the war, during which the town became part of West Virginia, a new Union state. 1996.

Waist-High in the World: A Life among the Nondisabled RC 44084

by Nancy Mairs
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
A Tucson writer describes her experiences with multiple sclerosis. Having lived as both nondisabled and disabled, Mairs hopes her observations and responses will "make the terrain seem less alien, less perilous, and far more amusing than the myths and legends about it would suggest." 1996.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Story of How Many Thousands of Men and Women Have Recovered from Alcoholism RC 44098

by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Incorporated
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Third edition of the basic text for Alcoholics Anonymous, commonly known as "The Big Book." Describes the recovery program and includes a doctor's testimony and the personal histories of forty-four recovered alcoholics. 1986.

Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution RC 44113
by Michael J. Behe
read by Frank Coffee
2 cassettes
Argues that advanced life could not have evolved by gradual evolutionary steps because of the myriad elements that would have had to change simultaneously. Uses explanations of how the human body functions to support his thesis. Attributes the design of higher organisms to an intelligent agent such as God. 1996.

Naked RC 44134
by David Sedaris
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
A humorous memoir of bizarre and absurd experiences with family, friends, and strangers. The title essay recounts the author's visit to a nudist colony, where he painfully faces coming to terms with his naked self. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

The Truth about Money RC 44135
by Ric Edelman
read by Lou Harpenau
4 cassettes
A guide to financial planning for the late 1990s, a time in which the "rules of money have changed" from earlier decades in terms of taxation, personal longevity, and other factors. Explains bonds, equities, insurance, real estate, and investment strategies for managing assets. Bestseller 1996.

Do It! Let's Get off Our Buts RC 44145
by John-Roger and Peter McWilliams
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
"How-to" book on successful living urges the reader to discover a dream, pursue it with passion, break out of old habits, live with joy, and more. Includes practical advice and pithy quotes from famous writers and personalities. Bestseller 1991.

Dr. Susan Love's Hormone Book: Making Informed Choices about Menopause RC 44147
by Susan M. Love
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
Explores the process of menopause as a natural stage in a woman's life. Discusses symptoms, consequences, and alternatives for treatment; evaluates the benefits and risks of hormone therapy. Includes an in-depth questionnaire to help women make individual decisions concerning menopause. Bestseller 1997.

Moral Politics: What Conservatives Know That Liberals Don't RC 44169
by George Lakoff
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Examines the opposing positions of liberals and conservatives in terms of metaphorical concepts. Asserts that while both groups use a family model for evaluating political issues, one adheres to a "strict father" standard, while the other sees government as a "nurturant parent." 1996.

The Great Boom Ahead: Your Comprehensive Guide to Personal and Business Profit in the New Era of Prosperity RC 44174
by Harry S. Dent
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
Forecasts a thriving economy starting in 1994 and continuing into the next century. Bases this prediction on the influences of the maturing baby-boom

generation on spending, innovation, and organizations. Offers advice on achieving business and investment success during the growth period. 1993.

It's Better to Laugh: Life, Good Luck, Bad Hair Days, and QVC RC 44186
by Kathy Levine
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Author humorously describes her personal life and her career as host of the cable home shopping service QVC. She laments her weight and her "bad hair" and discusses things she "would never say on television." Some strong language. 1995.

Living with Lupus: All the Knowledge You Need to Help Yourself RC 44188
by Sheldon Paul Blau
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
Self-help handbook on treating lupus, an autoimmune disease of unknown origin. Examines the difficulty of diagnosing lupus; the use of corticosteroids and other drugs for treatment; accompanying problems, such as osteoporosis and anemia; and practical tips regarding diet, exposure to sunlight, and use of cosmetics. 1993.

Bad Land: An American Romance RC 44190
by Jonathan Raban
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
Depicts the stark, barren world of the northern Great Plains. By the 1930s, many of the homesteaders who were enticed by the offer of free federal land in Ismay, Montana, had moved on. The author takes stock of those early settlers and relates their legacy to their independent, antigovernment descendants. 1996.

His Name Is Ron: Our Search for Justice RC 44206
by Goldman Family
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
A memoir by the family of murder victim Ron Goldman, portraying the "legal and emotional hurricane" that enveloped them following the fateful events of June 12, 1994. Recounts their family life before the tragedy, the O.J. Simpson criminal and civil trials, and the aftermath. Calls for reform of the criminal justice system. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Fate Is the Hunter RC 44215
by Ernest K. Gann
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Autobiography of the author during his flying days as a commercial pilot and with the Air Transport Command during World War II. Gann writes of the early time when he learned to fly, of becoming a seasoned pilot, and of the missions he flew during the war. His account also portrays many other pilots. Strong language. 1961.

Eight Weeks to Optimum Health: A Proven Program for Taking Full Advantage of Your Body's Natural Healing Power RC 44268
by Andrew Weil
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes
Presents a holistic regimen "for improving health and gaining access to the power of spontaneous healing." Recommends a series of steps over eight weeks that involve diet, supplements, exercise, mental and spiritual activities, and vari-

ous projects. Suggests some healthful recipes. Bestseller 1997.

My Dark Places RC 44271
by James Ellroy
read by Jeff Baker
3 cassettes
A mystery writer's dark memoir of his mother's murder when he was ten years old, and his youthful decline into crime, substance abuse, and alienation. Obsessed with his mother's memory, he investigates her death—and her life—thirty-six years after the fact. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Journey into Darkness: Follow the FBI's Premier Investigative Profiler as He Penetrates the Minds and Motives of the Most Terrifying Serial Criminals RC 44273
by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker
read by Terence Aselford
3 cassettes
A former FBI agent explains the technique of behavioral profiling of violent criminals to gain understanding of their motives and actions. Recounts cases in which this technique was used. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Uproar at Dancing Rabbit Creek: Battling over Race, Class, and the Environment RC 44277
by Colin Crawford
read by Robert Sams
3 cassettes
A lawyer's account of the social, political, and legal struggle to bring a toxic-waste disposal facility to poor and largely black Noxubee County, Mississippi, in 1992. Portrays the bitter conflict that ensued between proponents of economic progress and those for environmental preservation. 1996.

Web Search Strategies RC 44283
by Bryan Pfaffenberger
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Guidebook for finding information on the World Wide Web and the Internet. The author covers such topics as preparing your browser; using Boolean operators; using Lycos, Infoseek, and other Web search engines; searching library catalogs and periodicals; and finding software, people, jobs, news, and government information on the Web. 1996.

Love You to Bits and Pieces: Life with David Helfgott RC 44372
by Gillian Helfgott
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
Describes the dramatic comeback of the Australian child musical prodigy, who suffered a mental breakdown caused by a tormented and troubled childhood. Written by his astrologer wife, who helped him recover, this account served as the basis for the highly acclaimed motion picture, *Shine*. 1996.

Girlfriends: Invisible Bonds, Enduring Ties RC 44418
by Carmen Renee Berry and Tamara Traeder
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
The authors stress that close relationships with other women are vital to a woman's development and quite different from relationships with men. Opinions and stories about "girlfriends" include childhood friends; the bonds of friendship, especially those that outlast transitions; mothers as friends; and ways to remember a special friend. Bestseller 1995.

This Damn House! My Subcontract with America RC 44423
by Margo Kaufman
read by Nanette Savard
2 cassettes
A California freelance writer humorously describes the problems she faced while remodeling her Venice Beach bungalow. Architects ignored her twenty-thousand dollar budget and instead suggested four-hundred-thousand-dollar projects. Even after a reasonable designer was finally located, the haggling continued right down to the final doorknob. Some strong language. 1996.

What If You Could Unscramble an Egg? RC 44452
by Robert Ehrlich
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
A series of witty dialogs on the nature of life and the universe as they are and as they might have been. Poses "what if" questions that delve into and illuminate a variety of scientific topics relating to physics, space, human behavior, and natural disasters. 1996.

Off Stage RC 44458
by Betty Comden
read by Nanette Savard
2 cassettes
Comden and her collaborator, Adolph Green, composed the music for many Broadway and movie musicals. Here she reminisces about her personal life from her Brooklyn childhood in the 1920s through her long marriage, widowhood, and the death of her son. Interspersed are essays about such topics as aging and following fashion and tributes to her friends. 1995.

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster RC 44525
by Jon Krakauer
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
A journalist's firsthand report on the ill-fated Mt. Everest expedition of May 1996 in which a freak storm claimed the lives of nine adventurers. Describes the grueling ascent of the climbers, their sense of elation at reaching the peak, and the tragic events that followed. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Monster: Living off the Big Screen RC 44526
by John Gregory Dunne
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
A Hollywood screenwriter with twenty-five years in the business chronicles the eight years it took to develop his script for *Up Close & Personal* into a movie starring Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer. Dunne provides an insider's account of Hollywood's backstage dealings. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Conversations with God: An Uncommon Dialogue, Book 1 RC 44643
by Neale Donald Walsch
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Walsch states that in the spring of 1992, "God began talking with you. Through me." Here he discusses with God people's questions about marriage and family, health, money, power, and the hereafter. Prequel to *Conversations with God, Book 2 (RC 44644)*. Bestseller 1995.

Success Is a Choice: Ten Steps to Overachieving in Business and Life
RC 44675
by Rick Pitino and Bill Reynolds
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
A noted college basketball coach presents a formula for reaching one's dreams and becoming a winner in life. Discusses ten steps involving attitudes and behaviors that provide both a code of conduct and a "plan of attack" for setting goals and achieving personal success. Bestseller 1997.

Three Tall Women: A Play in Two Acts
RC 44679
by Edward Albee
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
1 cassette
Three women—A, B, and C—confront each other in A's sickroom. In the first act, the elderly A, going in and out of lucidity, recounts her life to her lawyer C and her caregiver B. In act II the old woman is comatose after a stroke. A, B, and C become the old woman at ages 92, 52, and 26. Each explains and justifies the person she is. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Pulitzer prize. 1994.

Southern Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible Belt RC 44695
by Christine Leigh Heyrman
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
A historical account of the rise of evangelical religion as a major social force in the American South. Asserts that its strict religious tenets were initially at odds with Southern views on race, gender, and class. Shows that the evangelical movement began to flourish only after it accommodated to the prevailing culture and values. 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

The Rest of Life: Three Novellas
RC 40704
by Mary Gordon
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Stories that relate ways women's lives are altered by love. In "Immaculate Man," a middle-aged woman tells of her passion for a Catholic priest and her feelings of guilt when he breaks his vow of celibacy. "Living at Home" details a psychiatrist's love for a war correspondent who prefers the world's hot spots. And in "The Rest of Life," an elderly woman returns to her homeland after years in exile. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

One True Thing RC 40750
by Anna Quindlen
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Ellen's father demands her return from a fledgling journalism career to care for her terminally ill mother. Her two brothers are in college, and no one else will do. During the months that follow, Ellen turns into nurse and housekeeper, recognizes her mother as the "one true thing," and slowly becomes aware of her father's shortcomings. When the end comes, Ellen is accused of mercy killing and fights the charge. Strong language. 1994.

Shadow Queen RC 40841
by Tony Gibbs
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
2 cassettes
An elderly librarian contacts a historical-romance writer, claiming to have the long-missing Casket Letters supposedly written by Mary Stuart. The librarian also has a family Bible that proves her

reclusive daughter, Marie, is the rightful heir of the Scottish queen. While the writer's New York publishing firm frantically tries to authenticate the letters, an Irish terrorist plots to make this discovery work for his cause. Strong language. 1992.

Snow Angels RC 40845
by Stewart O'Nan
read by John Lescault
2 cassettes
Annie Marchand, who always had a difficult life, was at one time Arthur Parkinson's baby-sitter. Their lives were complicated by the death of her small daughter, Tara, whose body was found by Arthur. When Arthur was fifteen, Annie's husband murdered her. Each year as Arthur returns to Butler, Pennsylvania, for Christmas, he relives the events of 1974, hoping to finally comprehend what happened but knowing he never will. Strong language. 1994.

The Stranger RC 40902
by Albert Camus
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
An existential novel originally published in 1942, set in Algiers, about a man who resists any commitment, rendering his life meaningless. He does not react to his mother's death nor to a killing he commits, and he becomes a placid prisoner convicted of murder. His own impending death, however, leads him to some realizations. 1988.

The Last Unicorn RC 40903
by Peter S. Beagle
read by Mimi Bederman
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A beautiful white unicorn worries that she is the last of her species, and so sets out in search of any surviving relatives. Accompanied by a second-rate magician and a sad, thin woman, the unicorn has fairy-tale adventures and finds her family enslaved by a wicked king. 1968.

***The Fifth Column* and Four Stories of the Spanish Civil War RC 40905**
by Ernest Hemingway
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette (Reissue)
Contains the author's only full-length play, which conveys the feverish life in Madrid under siege. The accompanying stories grew from Hemingway's experience as a foreign correspondent. Some strong language and some violence. 1938.

The Babysitter III RC 40912
by R.L. Stine
read by June Carter
1 cassette
In the sequel to *Babysitter II (RC 36925)*, Jenny Jeffers is still terribly upset about her experience babysitting Donny Hagen. Donny's father had threatened Jenny by phone and then died while trying to kill her. Jenny, spending the summer with her cousin Debra, is not surprised when Debra begins receiving calls from Mr. Hagen while she babysits. Jenny knew he would come back from the grave. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

The Prairieton Raid RC 40915
by Lauran Paine
read by Don Emmick
1 cassette
Three men plan to rob the bank in Prairieton. They ride in separately and take jobs: Henry at the blacksmith's, Buff at the stable, and Boice as a stage driver. But before they can pull off the heist, the stage carrying a large deposit is robbed and driver Boice is injured.

Buff and Henry join a posse to help the bank recover the money, so they can go ahead with their original scheme. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

Happy Policeman RC 40920
by Patricia Anthony
read by Anne Mullen
2 cassettes
Six years ago aliens came to the small Texas town of Coomey and sealed it off from whatever might remain of the rest of the world. The aliens are mysterious but apparently harmless, and the townsfolk have resumed their normal lives as much as possible. But when one of the citizens is found dead, police chief DeWitt Dawson faces a mystery with consequences far greater than simple murder. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

Sydney, Invincible RC 40921
by Colby Rodowsky
read by June Carter
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Sydney, Herself (RC 31872)*, Sydney dreads having her mother as her history teacher and looks forward to classes with the new writing instructor. Then Sydney is hit with big news. She is to be the editor of the school paper—and her mother, who married Sydney's last writing teacher, is pregnant. Sydney finds support from boyfriend Wally, but he is dealing with his own problems. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Gold Unicorn RC 40922
by Tanith Lee
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Sixteen-year-old Tanaquil is taken captive by the conquering army of Empress Veriam, who turns out to be her half sister, Lizra. Lizra has constructed a huge, mechanical, gold-plated unicorn as a symbol of her power, but only Tanaquil's talents can make it work. And Tanaquil finds the unicorn is much more than a machine of war. Sequel to *Black Unicorn (RC 37074)*. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

Swamp RC 40925
by Peter Tremayne
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
Two amateur hunters plan to illegally shoot a manatee in the Florida Everglades National Park. Instead they kill a monstrous-looking biped that was swimming in the swamp. Immediately an even larger monster emerges from the water and attacks them. Meanwhile two fugitives and their hostage make their way to the same swamp, ironically thinking it a safe place. Strong language and violence. 1985.

Send No Blessings RC 40998
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by June Carter
2 cassettes
Beth Herndon, fifteen, lives in a trailer with her parents and eight brothers and sisters. Beth longs for a better life than her parents have and hopes her typing ability will be the key to a better future away from West Virginia. But her father wants Beth to quit school when she turns sixteen and to marry twenty-two-year-old Harless. For junior and senior high readers. 1990.

His Father's House RC 41115
by D.J. Meador
read by Michael Kramer
3 cassettes
When his father dies in 1973, Robert

Trepnitz Kirkman finds among his father's papers a letter, a photograph, and an account of an event that took place during World War I. Kirkman's compulsion to find the woman to whom the letter was addressed takes him on an odyssey through East and West Germany and into the lives of a German family. He compares the divided Germany to the American South after the Civil War. 1994.

Theory of War RC 41117
by Joan Brady
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
Brady draws on her grandfather's experience to tell of a white boy sold into slavery after the Civil War. Four-year-old Jonathan Carrick begins a life few animals could endure. But he makes his way with the help of the railroad, a friend, a preacher, and some education. Later, years of adversity tell on Carrick and produce serious consequences within his family. Winner of Britain's Whitbread Award. Strong language and some violence. 1993.

We Are Eternal RC 41244
by Pierrette Fleutiaux
read by Laura Giannarelli
5 cassettes
Contemporary gothic novel set in France after World War II. Estelle Helleur is the sole living member of her family. Burdened by secrets, she recounts her tragic, incestuous family history to a mythical "madame." It is a foreboding and passionate tale, centering around her younger brother Dan, the love of her life and a dancer like their mother. Estelle begs madame to use her story to create a dramatic opera. Some strong language. 1990.

***Pudd'nhead Wilson* and *Those Extraordinary Twins* RC 41298**
by Mark Twain
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Two novels by the American humorist. In *Pudd'nhead Wilson* Twain provides a complex, ironic, and morally disturbing account of human nature under slavery as a brilliant and inventive nineteenth-century lawyer attempts to prove his case by using the newfangled science of fingerprinting. *Those Extraordinary Twins* is about Siamese twins who share many amusing problems. 1894.

The Hills of Homicide RC 41471
by Louis L'Amour
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
The noted western writer presents eight of his "hard-boiled" detective stories. In the title story, a private eye is sent to the small western town of Ranagat to clear Blacky Caronna of wealthy Jack Bitner's murder. Three other stories feature Kip Morgan, a prize-fighter turned private investigator. L'Amour includes an author's note with most of the stories. Some strong language and some violence. 1983.

Walkabout RC 41555
by James Vance Marshall
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette (Reissue)
An Aboriginal boy, who is on his ritual walkabout in Australia's remote Northern Territory, encounters a brother and sister from South Carolina who have just survived a plane crash. Although the Aborigine is supposed to complete his walkabout alone, he realizes he must save the children. But when the girl looks at him in fear, he thinks she has

seen the spirit of death and that he will soon die. For junior and senior high readers. 1959.

A Visit to Highbury RC 41557
by Joan Austen-Leigh
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
1 cassette
The great-great-grand-niece of Jane Austen has taken some of the minor characters from Austen's *Emma (RC 23490)* and allowed them to come into the spotlight. Letters between Mrs. Goddard, the school headmistress in Highbury, and her recently remarried sister, Mrs. Pinkney, in London speculate on events in the lives of residents of both locations—especially a few romances. 1993.

Out to Pasture (but Not over the Hill) RC 41559
by Effie Leland Wilder
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
Like herself, eighty-five-year-old Wilder's protagonist, Hattie, is in a home for the elderly. After fourteen months there, Hattie is compelled to jot down the often amusing and sometimes sad situations she and her neighbors get into. She uses these notes to help convince an old college friend, whose name is almost to "the top of the list," that the home is a good place to live. 1995.

A Marriage Made at Woodstock RC 41563
by Cathie Pelletier
read by June Carter
3 cassettes
Woodstock. For Fred and Lorraine it was a way of life as well as a part of the landscape. But now, twenty-one years later, the love that blossomed there is strained. Fred, onetime poetry-loving hippie, has turned into a compulsive yuppie, while Lorraine, now known as Chandra, continues to fight for the betterment of humanity. Still, Chandra's decision to call the marriage quits shocks Fred. Strong language. 1994.

The Wisest Man in America RC 41568
by W.D. Wetherell
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
New Hampshire native Ferris and columnist Max Thomas have known each other since 1952. It was back then, as the two men spent a day talking, that Thomas realized Ferris understood the way America was moving and asked him to predict the election results. Ferris was correct then, and has been correct ever since. Now in 1996, Thomas is back for the latest forecast. As they talk, they uncover interesting facts about each other. 1995.

***Georgia on My Mind* and Other Places RC 41666**
by Charles Sheffield
read by Gary Telles
3 cassettes
Collection of fourteen science fiction stories covering a wide range of topics and settings. The title piece is the 1993 Nebula Award-winning novelette about Charles Babbage's analytical engine of 1850, the forerunner of the modern computer. Other stories include "Beyond the Golden Road," "Humanity Test," "Destroyer of Worlds," "Millennium," "The Fifteenth Station of the Cross," and "Health Care System." 1995.

Anything for Love RC 42575
by Janelle Taylor
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Rachel Gaines has been a widow for fifteen years and, at forty-seven, is tired of doing charity work and attending ladies' luncheons. Her chance for a change of pace comes at a class reunion. There she again meets Quentin Rawls, whom she cut out of her life more than twelve years earlier. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Hostile Witness RC 42592
by William Lashner
read by Ray Foushee
4 cassettes
Fresh out of law school, Victor Carl joined with two friends to form their own firm. But after six years, their future is bleak. Then well-known Philadelphia lawyer William Prescott offers Carl the opportunity of a lifetime. It sounds too good to be true—and it is. Explicit descriptions of sex, strong language, and some violence. 1995.

Come in from the Cold RC 43049
by Marsha Qualey
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
In 1969, Maud is seventeen and her older antiwar activist sister has just been killed in a bomb blast. Meanwhile in another Minnesota town, seventeen-year-old Jeff steps up his own protests against the Vietnam War after his brother is killed in battle. The two meet and find solace in each other. Some descriptions of sex. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Keeper of the House RC 43104
by Rebecca T. Godwin
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
A maid's forty-year chronicle of life in an infamous South Carolina brothel. Sent there in 1929 to work as a housekeeper at age fourteen, Minyon Manigault tells of the powerful clients, the prostitutes, and the white madam, whom Minyon eventually succeeds as "keeper of the house." Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

Death and the Maiden RC 43222
by P.N. Elrod
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Set just before the Revolutionary War, this sequel to *Red Death (RC 43221)* finds British colonist Jonathan Barrett trying to live a normal life with his family as he adjusts to his vampire needs and abilities. When the growing tensions of the coming conflict threaten his sanctuary and loved ones, Jonathan is forced to call up the powers of the undead. 1994.

A Fisherman of the Inland Sea: Science Fiction Stories RC 43403
by Ursula K. Le Guin
read by Ted Stoddard
2 cassettes
Eight tales that delve into the relationship between perception and reality, and explore the "churten" effect, a way of moving objects and people between distant worlds at the speed of light. In the title story, a churten researcher is flung backward in time to face a choice of alternative futures. Some strong language. 1994.

Cosette: The Sequel to *Les Misérables*
RC 43461
by Laura Kalpakian
read by George Holmes
5 cassettes
Cosette, Jean Valjean's adopted daughter, and Marius, a freedom fighter rescued by Valjean, continue the struggle begun in *Victor Hugo's Les Misérables (RC 35363)*. They rear their two children and publish a revolutionary newspaper as a brief, disappointing French Republic gives way to the Second Empire. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Five Hundred Years After RC 43533
by Steven Brust
read by Erik Sandvold
4 cassettes
Phoenix guard Khaavren and his swashbuckling companions Aerich, Tazendra, and Pel again come to the aid of the aging Emperor Tortaalik. They face Dragonlord Adron, who schemes to claim the throne of Dragaera for himself. But Adron's beautiful and ambitious daughter Aliera has plans of her own. Sequel to *The Phoenix Guards (RC 43532)*. 1994.

Malice Prepense RC 43593
by Kate Wilhelm
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Best Defense (RC 39424)*, lawyer Barbara Halloway defends Teddy Wendover, who has mental retardation, in a murder charge. When the evidence clears Teddy, suspicion shifts to his father, who has a motive. In a tense courtroom contest, Halloway uncovers several other links. 1996.

Footsteps RC 43597
by Pramoedya Ananta Toer
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
This sequel to *Child of All Nations (RC 44104)* is set in the early-twentieth-century Dutch East Indies, later Indonesia. Minke leaves his medical studies to become a crusading journalist and political activist in the struggle against Dutch rule. 1990.

Everyone's Gone to the Moon
RC 43609
by Philip Norman
read by Steven Crossley
4 cassettes
Louis Brennan writes for a hip magazine in "Mod London" at the height of the "swinging sixties." He and his married editor, Jack Shildrick, are both having an affair with the same secretary. Brennan is torn between his loyalty to the older, stodgier Shildrick and his desire to gain acceptance from his younger, talented colleagues. Some strong language. 1995.

The Wood Beyond RC 43624
by Reginald Hill
read by George Holmes
3 cassettes
While picketing a drug-research lab, animal-rights demonstrators stumble upon a generations-old corpse. In the course of the investigation, Inspector Peter Pascoe links the unearthed remains to his grandfather's shameful court martial in World War I. Strong language. 1996.

The Gulf RC 43633
by David Poyer
read by L.J. Ganser
3 cassettes
While deployed in the Persian Gulf, the guided-missile frigate USS *Turner Van*

Zandt is ordered to lead a convoy of supertankers through mined waters. When hostile fire sinks a navy destroyer, the Van Zandt's commanding officer sees the opportunity to avenge past wrongs. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1990.

Variations on Night and Day RC 43634
by 'Abd al-Rahman Munif
read by Robert Blumenfeld
3 cassettes
In the final novel of the Cities of Salt trilogy, Sultan Khureybit rises to power in the Persian Gulf nation-state of Mooran in the 1930s. During his reign, Khureybit—who is aided by the underhanded British—battles rival clans and squelches internal opposition using bribery and brutality. Sequel to *The Trench (RC 35743)*. 1989.

The Wandering Arm RC 43642
by Sharan Newman
read by Robert Blumenfeld
2 cassettes
Medieval France. When the theft of a reliquary is linked to some of their friends and family, a former nun and her husband launch a discreet search. Upon the murder of one suspect, a Jewish merchant, the case becomes even more complex and their investigation increasingly perilous. 1995.

Tiger's Tail RC 43644
by Gus Lee
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
In 1974, Chinese American Captain Jackson Kan is ordered to the Korean demilitarized zone to find a missing army prosecutor. Kan liberates a hellhole prison, deposes the power-mad commander, and defuses a plot to incite a war, all while dealing with his own problems as a Vietnam veteran and as a Chinese son. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Women in Their Beds: New and Selected Stories RC 43699
by Gina Berriault
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Short stories that depict the human condition through a variety of characters in real-life situations. In one story, a librarian becomes suspicious of a homeless man who wants him to interpret a poem. The librarian later realizes that the man was simply seeking guidance for his life. 1996.

Pope Joan RC 43715
by Donna Woolfolk Cross
read by Nanette Savard
4 cassettes
Born in ninth-century Europe, Joan aspires to an education, a privilege then denied to girls. When her brother is killed in a Viking raid, she assumes his identity as a male, enters a monastery, and rises through the ranks of the church to the Throne of Saint Peter itself. 1996.

In Heaven as on Earth: A Vision of the Afterlife RC 43744
by M. Scott Peck
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
The tale of a man's journey into the afterlife. Upon dying, he finds himself in a small room where "greeters" introduce him to his new life. He is reunited with departed loved ones and has an encounter with Satan in the form of an enticing young woman. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Collected Stories of Mavis Gallant RC 43750
by Mavis Gallant
read by Mitzi Friedlander
8 cassettes
Selected stories on such themes as life crises, disillusionment, and the ability to adjust and go on living under a new set of personal myths. In "The Other Paris," a woman who enters a doomed marriage on romantic impulse later "reminisces" about a joyful past that never happened. 1996.

Brothers RC 43809
by Ben Bova
read by Andy Chappell
3 cassettes
Dr. Arthur Marshak makes a biomedical discovery that enables the body to regenerate injured or diseased organs. Some extol it as a great scientific breakthrough; others see it as blasphemy. When a scientific court convenes to weigh the merits of his work, Marshak is pitted against his brother, Jesse, a humanitarian physician. Some strong language. 1996.

The Passage RC 43815
by David Poyer
read by Fred Major
4 cassettes
Lieutenant Dan Lenson boards a destroyer for its shakedown cruise in the Caribbean. As he works to correct the ship's advanced electronic systems, he finds that greater problems plague his new command. Lenson's limits are tested as he rescues Cuban refugees from a stormy sea and confronts a mutinous crew. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Rag Nymph RC 43818
by Catherine Cookson
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
At the age of seven, Millie Forester finds herself alone in the world. Her mother has committed suicide, and her father disappeared long ago. She is taken in by Raggie Aggie Winkowski and Ben, a young man Aggie opened her home to years before. Millie is free-spirited and often finds herself in difficult situations—especially with men. Ben quietly stays in the background and rescues her when the need arises. 1991.

The Emerald Flame: Land of the Far Horizon, Book 3 RC 43828
by Patricia Hickman
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In 1800 twelve-year-old Kelsey McBride is torn from her beloved Ireland and sent to Australia with her mother, a convicted dissident. Kelsey wants to return to Ireland, but the love of the Prentice family changes her mind. And Rachel Langley finally returns to Sydney Cove, where surprises await her. Sequel to *Angel of the Outback (RC 43827)*. 1996.

Grand Jury RC 43847
by Philip Friedman
read by John Stratton
5 cassettes
In this sequel to *Inadmissable Evidence (RC 36253)*, grand juror Susan Linwood senses something odd about the government's drug case against an elderly Chinese couple. Herself of Chinese descent, Linwood enlists the help of another juror to probe the matter privately. What they uncover imperils their very lives. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Mason's Retreat RC 43854
by Christopher Tilghman
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Faced with declining fortunes in England, Edward Mason moves his family to Maryland's Eastern Shore in 1936. As war threatens and Edward returns to England on business, family conflicts and betrayals lead to tragedy and loss of birthright. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Prayers for the Dead: A Peter Decker/ Rina Lazarus Novel RC 43860
by Faye Kellerman
read by Richard Davidson
3 cassettes
When renowned Dr. Azor Sparks is found brutally murdered in an alley, LAPD detective Peter Decker gets the case. Decker's probe reveals that Sparks's secret life belied his upright image and made him some powerful and dangerous enemies. The trail of clues leads to Decker's own family. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Warrior Scarlet RC 43867
by Rosemary Sutcliff
read by Tom Martin
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A tale set in England during the Bronze Age. A boy aspires to wear the warrior's scarlet, the sign of manhood in his tribe. To do so, he must first slay a wolf. But with a withered spear arm, he faces a formidable challenge. For junior and senior high readers. Violence. 1958.

Crisis on Doona RC 43872
by Anne McCaffrey and Jody Lynn Nye
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
For twenty-five years, humans and the catlike Hrrubans have lived in harmony on the planet Doona. Human diplomat Todd Reeve and his inseparable Hrruban friend, Hrriss, symbolize the peaceful relationship between the two races. But xenophobic politicians, who want to disrupt the peace, target Todd and Hrriss with trumped-up charges of theft and treason. Sequel to *Decision at Doona (RC 43871)*. 1992.

Death in the Andes RC 43874
by Mario Vargas Llosa
read by Peter Gil
2 cassettes
When three men vanish from a remote mountain village, two Peruvian soldiers are sent to search. In their efforts to solve the disappearances, the troopers encounter the horrors of human sacrifice, cannibalism, and guerrilla violence. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Selected Stories RC 43878
by Alice Munro
read by Mary Kane
5 cassettes
Twenty-eight short stories first published from 1961 through 1994 by the renowned Canadian writer. Lake Huron's small towns and farms provide the setting for stories that feature elaborate personalities in seemingly ordinary circumstances. Includes "Dance of the Happy Shades," "The Beggar Maid," "The Progress of Love," and "Vandals." 1996.

Sandra Nichols Found Dead RC 43885
by George V. Higgins
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
When Sandra Nichols is found murdered, her ex-husband is charged with wrongful death, and attorney Jerry Kennedy agrees to try the case. Ken-

nedy becomes guardian for the orphaned children, sedulously gathers the needed evidence, and assails the ex-husband's alibi. Strong language. 1996.

To Kill the Leopard RC 43886
by Theodore Taylor
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
In March 1941, American merchant marine officer Sully Jordan survives the sinking of his oil tanker by a German U-boat. After the same U-boat torpedoes another tanker from under him one year later, Jordan takes command of an armed decoy Q-ship, hoping to settle the score. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1993.

Best Kept Secrets RC 43890
by Sandra Brown
read by Laura Giannarelli
3 cassettes
Alexandra Gaither has convinced her district attorney boss to let her reopen a twenty-five-year-old murder case in Purcell, Texas. The victim was Alexandra's mother, Celina, and the suspects are wealthy rancher Angus Minton and Celina's close friends Junior and Reede Lambert. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1989.

The King's Bishop: An Owen Archer Mystery RC 43893
by Candace Robb
read by Vanessa Maroney
3 cassettes
In 1367 King Edward III dispatches Owen Archer on a covert mission to persuade two major abbeys to support the king's choice for bishop of Winchester. When his mission is interrupted by murder and his friend stands accused, Archer follows a path of clues that leads him back to the royal court. Violence. 1996.

The Nun's Tale: An Owen Archer Mystery RC 43894
by Candace M. Robb
read by Vanessa Maroney
3 cassettes
In fourteenth-century England, a woman who claims the identity of a deceased nun is trading in stolen relics and miracles. When she is linked to a series of deaths and treason against the crown, Owen Archer is called to investigate. Violence. 1995.

Snow Wolf RC 43906
by Glenn Meade
read by Chuck Benson
4 cassettes
In 1953 President Eisenhower receives alarming reports of Joseph Stalin's deteriorating mental health and of a heightened risk of war. Ike authorizes the CIA to kill Stalin, and two agents are dropped in Moscow. When the plot goes awry, the agents come under threat from both sides and find an unlikely ally. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Mount Dragon RC 43919
by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Genetic scientist Guy Carson's assignment at the elite Mount Dragon biomedical lab in New Mexico is to find a permanent cure for the flu by altering human DNA. But his discoveries take a tragic turn, putting the whole world at horrifying risk. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Written in Blood: A Chief Inspector Barnaby Mystery RC 43927
by Caroline Graham
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
The eccentrics in a writers' group are pleased to get author Max Jennings as a guest speaker—except for the reclusive host, who begs not to be left alone with him. As everyone is leaving, Jennings rushes back inside and bars the door. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Ebola: A Documentary Novel of Its First Explosion RC 43938
by William T. Close
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Fictional account of the devastating effects of the ebola virus at the Catholic Mission of Yambuku in Africa. Dr. Close spent sixteen years in the Republic of Zaire and worked closely with the Flemish nuns and others who dealt with the disease, which struck the country in 1976. He recounts the story of a local teacher who arrived at the clinic with a raging fever and the tragic results of his visit. Bestseller 1995.

Eyes of Eagles RC 44011
by William W. Johnstone
read by Jack Fox
3 cassettes
In this prequel to *Dreams of Eagles (RC 44012)*, Jamie MacCallister is captured by Indians at age seven and later escapes to a Kentucky settlement, where he soon finds himself charged with murder. Fleeing westward, he joins with Jim Bowie, Sam Houston, and other Texans at the beleaguered Alamo. Strong language. 1993.

The Collected Stories of William Carlos Williams RC 44040
by William Carlos Williams
read by David Palmer
3 cassettes
Insightful short stories by a physician-writer, often on medical themes, about the lives of immigrant and working-class people. In one vignette, "The Use of Force," a doctor is driven to coercive measures as he diagnoses a violently resistant child whose life is at risk. Some strong language. 1996.

Shades of Twilight RC 44045
by Linda Howard
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
When her parents and aunt die in an accident, Roanna Davenport and her conniving, illegitimate cousin, Jessie, move to their grandmother Lucinda's Alabama estate. Lucinda's great-nephew and heir, Webb, marries Jessie, much to Roanna's secret sorrow. Then Jessie's past rips the family apart. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller 1996.

The Mulching of America RC 44051
by Harry Crews
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Traveling soap salesman Hickum Looney wins the annual sales contest that his tyrannical boss has dominated for twenty-five years. As his reward, Looney is degraded and ejected near-naked into the parking lot, where his life takes a bizarre turn for the better. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Black Lightning RC 44052
by John Saul
read by Ray Foushee
3 cassettes
Journalist Anne Jeffers is partially responsible for serial killer Richard Kraven's execution. When Kraven dies, Jeffers's husband has a near-fatal heart attack and then begins acting oddly. Meanwhile a copycat killer tries to gain the same notoriety as Kraven. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1995.

Gideon's Torch RC 44053
by Charles Colson and Ellen Vaughn
read by John Polk
4 cassettes
When an abortion-clinic doctor is murdered, a federal crackdown is mounted to find the killer. Then a protest group gets a shocking abortion video on the evening news, terrorists bomb a fetal research center, and the president declares martial law. Violence. 1995.

War Drums RC 44058
by John Vornholt
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
On the colony world of Selva, a small band of Klingons, survivors of a long-ago space wreck, have reverted to a savage state and are attacking the human settlement. Lieutenant Worf of the starship *Enterprise* leads a landing party to contact the Klingons. An all-out war between the Klingons and the human colonists appears to be inevitable. In addition, Worf learns that a more deadly force is at work on the planet. A Star Trek: The Next Generation novel. 1992.

The Book of Mercy RC 44065
by Kathleen Cambor
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Retired fireman Edmund Mueller's lonely life is haunted by melancholy memories of his runaway wife and estranged children. Mueller practices alchemy, hoping to restore his lost past. His psychiatrist daughter uncovers the secret of her father's obsession and realizes that her own life is also a futile quest for happiness. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Ringworld Throne RC 44067
by Larry Niven
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
This sequel to *The Ringworld Engineers (RC 17471)* begins with a tour of the habitat of six hundred trillion square miles that rings a distant sun. When explorer Louis Wu returns to save Ringworld from colliding with its sun, he finds a society beset by violence. Violence. 1996.

Roanoke: The Lost Colony; Keepers of the Ring, Volume 1 RC 44069
by Angela Elwell Hunt
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
Using John White's 1587 voyage to America, Hunt creates a fictional account of the founding of Roanoke colony. Jocelyn White is reluctant to join her uncle's expedition, but he and Jocelyn's father insist she accompany her cousin, Eleanor, recently married and pregnant. John also makes sure a future husband for Jocelyn is aboard. 1996.

The Crying Child RC 44073
by Barbara Michaels
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Mary Fraser's grief after losing yet another child through miscarriage has brought her to the brink of madness. Mary's husband begs her sister, Joanne, to join them on the tiny Maine island of his ancestors and try to help Mary, who claims to hear a child crying. Joanne truly fears her sister is losing her mind —until she also hears a cry in the night. 1971.

The Wedding RC 44078
by Julie Garwood
read by Ann Hodapp
3 cassettes
In twelfth-century Scotland, Lady Brenna is on her way to an arranged marriage with Laird MacNare when her party is attacked by Laird MacAlister. MacAlister, to whom she proposed when she was just a child, forces Lady Brenna to marry him. Explicit descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. Bestseller 1996.

The Bookmakers RC 44085
by Zev Chafets
read by Randy Wieck
2 cassettes
When Mack Green brazenly foils an attempted holdup, the burned-out writer realizes he wants to die. So he proposes writing a suicide diary of his final year, his agent likes the idea, and Mack's offbeat project begins. But Mack finds love and a reason to live, and the scheme goes awry. Strong language. 1995.

Wish List RC 44087
by Fern Michaels
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
Ariel Hart is approaching the big Five-O, and two husbands and a brilliant acting career have not made her happy. Now she is on the skids, and her "wish list" is growing. If only she could recapture the way she felt at sixteen when she and Felix Sanchez were secretly married in Tijuana. Perhaps if she returns to her childhood home of Chula Vista, life will improve. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Nebula Awards 29: SFWA's Choices for the Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year RC 44096
edited by Pamela Sargent
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
Includes the 1993 choices of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America for best novel, novella, novelette, and short story. Nonfiction entries include the Rhysling Awards for poetry, essays on new science fiction and fantasy works, memorials to deceased authors, and a survey of 1993 movies. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Burr RC 44097
by Gore Vidal
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes (Reissue)
A fictional memoir of Aaron Burr, a hero of the American Revolution, which describes the struggles and endless intrigues of the new United States. Washington, Jefferson, and Hamilton emerge as questionable politicians. Bestseller 1973.

Tapes of the River Delta RC 44108
by Peter Cunningham
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
Theo Shortcourse escapes from the mental hospital where he is held after committing murder. He hides out in the river delta, where he long ago swam with boyhood friends, one of whom is now Ireland's prime minister. Theo reveals the chilling story of his tragic life by talking into a tape recorder. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Last Orders RC 44117
by Graham Swift
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
Three British World War II veterans and drinking mates set out to fulfill a friend's dying request: that his ashes be scattered into the sea at Margate. En route, the men reflect on love, war, marriage, and business, as they reveal the failed hopes of their own lives. Strong language. 1996.

Halo RC 44122
by John Loveday
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
A boy comes of age while en route to Oregon on a wagon train in the mid-1800s. He chronicles the daily routine, his discovery of art, and his sexual awakening with a mother and daughter. The blissful peace of the trail is lost when the party reaches Halo, a raucous frontier town. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1992.

Winter Games RC 44128
by John Feinstein
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Rytis Buzelis, a Lithuanian-born basketball star, is wooed by college coaches across the country. When journalist Bobby Kelleher finds the body of an old friend and coach who had been vying to sign Buzelis, Kelleher ventures into the sinister world of big-money sports to find the killer. Strong language. 1995.

Her Majesty's Wizard RC 44132
by Christopher Stasheff
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
When postgraduate student Matthew Mantrell deciphers the runes on an ancient parchment that he finds in the university library, he is transported to a medieval-like world where reciting verses can work magic. Matt is good at reciting verses, so he takes on the job of wizard and attempts to rescue a princess from an evil sorcerer. 1986.

Vegas Rich RC 44137
by Fern Michaels
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes
In this spinoff from Michaels's Texas trilogy, Sallie Coleman comes to Las Vegas and, because she is kind to an old man, suddenly finds herself very rich. The story continues with accounts of Sallie's grandchildren. Prequel to *Vegas Heat (RC 44138)*. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

***A Man of Mystery* and Other Stories**
RC 44149
by Shiva Naipaul
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Eight variously humorous and tragic tales that comment on the human condition. The title story describes the simple lives of a shoemaker and his wife until she has their house torn down and builds another and he lives in his shop and the neighborhood bar. 1984.

Le Divorce RC 44152
by Diane Johnson
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Isabel Walker is in Paris to help her pregnant stepsister, Roxy, whose French husband has left her for another woman. The two sisters, their family, and Roxy's in-laws attempt to work things out, hampered by vast differences in attitudes. The ownership of a valuable painting that Roxy gave to her husband as a wedding present further complicates matters. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Tristessa RC 44155
by Jack Kerouac
read by David Hartley-Margolin
1 cassette
A rambling story relating an American's stuporous escapades in the slums of Mexico City in 1952. This stream-of-consciousness tale interweaves observations of a rooster, a cat, a chihuahua dog, and a ravished drug addict in homes, shops, and on the streets of the city. 1960.

Holding the Dream RC 44156
by Nora Roberts
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Daring to Dream (RC 42829)*, accountant Kate Powell is stunned to be accused of skimming money from her clients. Suspended and working in the shop she co-owns with her cousin and friend, Kate's anxiety leads to illness. Her unlikely savior is suave Byron De Witt, a manager in Kate's uncle's hotel chain. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Outside Man RC 44157
by Richard North Patterson
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Ever since attorney Adam Shaw migrated from the North to his new southern home, he has felt like a stranger. Then his best friend disappears, and the friend's wife is found dead. Shaw aims to solve the crime and risks everything to penetrate the social facade that conceals the mystery. Strong language and violence. 1981.

To Love Again RC 44158
by Bertrice Small
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Britain, A.D. 453. Cailin Drusus is a young woman when her family is destroyed and she must flee to her maternal grandfather. Forced to spend the night with Wulf Ironfist, a guest of her grandfather's, Cailin, with Wulf's help, develops a plan to regain her lost lands. But soon afterwards, Cailin is drugged and sold into slavery. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 1993.

The Black Tower RC 44163
by P.D. James
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Mystery set in England about convalescent Adam Dalgliesh, who goes to Dorset and discovers that the priest who had summoned him is dead. Adam becomes involved in intrigue and murder when more deaths occur at a nearby home for disabled people. 1975.

Captive Bride RC 44168
by Johanna Lindsey
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Seventeen-year-old Christina Wakefield's first London season in 1883 is ruined by the arrogant Philip Caxton. Soon afterwards her brother is ordered to Cairo, and Christina travels with him. On her first night there, Christina is abducted by Sheik Abu, a.k.a. Philip Caxton. Explicit descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1977.

No Survivors RC 44175
by Will Henry
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
A fictionalized account of the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn, as recorded in the journal of its sole survivor, Colonel John Clayton. Clayton, who is captured and adopted by the Sioux, faces a crisis of identity when his tribe rides against the army in which he once served. Violence. 1950.

Go Ask Alice RC 44179
by Anonymous
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
1 cassette (Reissue)
Based on the diary of a fifteen-year-old girl who turned to drugs because of her feelings of loneliness and rebellion against the world. Though she tries to stop, she dies of an overdose three weeks after her seventeenth birthday. Strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1971.

The Fearful Summons RC 44180
by Denny Martin Flinn
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
The Thraxians, a little-known race on the galactic frontier, kidnap the crew of the Federation starship *Excelsior* and demand powerful weapons in exchange for the release of the hostages. Captain Kirk and the former officers of the starship *Enterprise* reunite to undertake a rescue mission. A Star Trek novel. 1995.

Shameless RC 44184
by Jennifer Blake
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Camilla Greenley Hutton's divorce is almost final when her husband, Keith, decides he doesn't want to let her go. It seems Cammie may be heiress to the town's paper mill (currently owned by Reid Sayers), because of an old feud between two Louisiana families. Then Keith is found murdered and Cammie and Reid become suspects. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

So Big RC 44189
by Edna Ferber
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A farm woman's indomitable spirit and quick response to beauty are unquenched by years of hardship—all for the sake of her son. Pulitzer Prize. Originally published in 1924. 1995.

Independence Day RC 44192
by Richard Ford
read by Jamie Horton
4 cassettes
Seven years ago Frank Bascombe, of *Sportswriter (RC 37166)*, got divorced, yet he is still in his "existence period." Perhaps things will change this Fourth of July weekend. After a brief trip to see his longtime girlfriend, who may take him into a "permanent period," Frank plans to take his son, Paul, fifteen and recently arrested for shoplifting, to visit several sports halls of fame. But fate steps in along the way. Strong language. Bestseller 1995.

Ticktock RC 44204
by Dean Koontz
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
Thirty-year-old novelist Tommy Phan arrives home one day to find a mysterious rag doll at his front door. That night Tommy hears strange noises coming from the doll, which springs to life and turns its diabolical powers on him. Tommy flees in desperation to escape the fiend's clutches. Bestseller 1996.

A Thin Dark Line RC 44208
by Tami Hoag
read by Mitzi Friedlander
4 cassettes
When a murder prosecution is vitiated by an officer's failure to list key evidence on a search warrant, an irate detective decides to take the law into his own hands. Deputy Annie Broussard joins forces with the rogue detective in tracking the elusive killer. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Karma RC 44214
by Mitchell Smith
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
When architect Evan Scott watches a female construction worker plunge seventy stories from a skyscraper frame, he realizes it was no accident. His investigation threatens powerful interests on both sides of the law and leads him on a perilous mission of vengeance. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1994.

True Grit RC 44219
by Charles Portis
read by Terry Hayes Sales
1 cassette (Reissue)
Fifty years afterward, a woman tells how, as a girl of fourteen, she, a federal marshal, and a Texas Ranger tracked her father's murderer from Arkansas into Indian territory. Some violence. 1968.

Lost Island RC 44220
by Phyllis A. Whitney
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Lacey Ames returns to Hampton, an island off the coast of Georgia, where she spent her childhood and where her youthful romance with Giles Severn ended in disappointment. Unable to forget Giles, Lacey hopes to exorcise the spell of the island and of Giles. 1970.

Infernal Affairs RC 44285
by Jane Heller
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
The night her husband leaves her, overweight, graying, real estate agent Barbara Chessner unknowingly makes a deal with the devil. The next morning

she wakes up blond and shapely, and she even makes an impossible sale to a gorgeous man. But when Barbara learns she's a darksider, she wants her old life back. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Evening Class RC 44308
by Maeve Binchy
read by Anne Flosnik
3 cassettes
For many people in Dublin, life is the same day after day, but that changes dramatically for forty-eight-year old Aidan Dunne, when he is passed over for a school principal position. He and Nora O'Donoghue, just returned from twenty-six years in Italy, begin teaching Italian in a series of evening classes. Together, they help many other Dubliners make transitions, too. Some strong language. 1996.

Small Vices RC 44310
by Robert B. Parker
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes
As a district attorney, Rita Fiore won a murder conviction for convicted sex offender Ellis Alves. Two years later, now as part of a major law firm, Fiore has doubts about Alves's guilt, and convinces her firm to hire Spenser to investigate his claims of innocence. But soon after Spenser begins work, a "man in gray" takes him down with three shots. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1997.

The Night Crew RC 44311
by John Sandford
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
As Anna Batory and her TV camera crew patrol the nocturnal streets of Los Angeles, the night turns deadly. Following the filming of a drugged teen's suicide and the mysterious death of her cameraman, Anna realizes that she is the next target of a psychotic killer. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

3001: The Final Odyssey RC 44314
by Arthur C. Clarke
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
After being killed and abandoned in space, twenty-first-century astronaut Frank Poole is revived a thousand years in the future. He finds that humanity has spread throughout the solar system and lives in a state of near utopia. But all is not well in the third millenium. The mysterious black monoliths are still present and may now pose a threat. Sequel to *2061: Odyssey Three (RC 26047)*. 1997.

Crooked Little Heart RC 44316
by Anne Lamott
read by Suzanne Toren
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Rosie (RC 20356)*, young tennis star Rosie Ferguson is beset by the anxieties of early adolescence and the unwanted attentions of a menacing, middle-aged, court-side spectator. When tragedy strikes close to her family, Rosie rises to confront her fears. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Nothing but You: Love Stories from the *New Yorker* RC 44363
edited by Roger Angell
read by Faith Potts
4 cassettes
An anthology of romantic stories by postmodernists, ironists, and other authors recounting their personal encounters with love. In "The Diver," a young

man accidentally falls into the river. A kindly Parisian seamstress seduces the hapless fellow as she helps him change his wet clothes. Descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Tin Can Tree RC 44373
by Anne Tyler
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A novel following the few days after the death of a little girl, exploring the effects on her older brother, on her mother who neglects the boy in her grief, and on their neighbors. 1965.

High Rising RC 44375
by Angela Thirkell
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Now that her three older sons are self-supporting, forty-five-year-old widowed novelist Laura Morland need only worry about young Tony, who "has a splendid natural resistance to learning in any form." But money complications make way for social ones as almost everyone in Laura's circle of acquaintances—from her publisher to her secretary—becomes involved in convoluted romances fraught with misunderstandings. 1933.

The Blue Wall RC 44448
by Kenneth Abel
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
Already reeling from a broken marriage, NYPD detective Dave Moser probes a brutal murder involving a crime family. As he presses the case, Moser runs afoul of the mob, the department, and a federal sting of city police corruption. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Pretend You Don't See Her RC 44529
by Mary Higgins Clark
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
Lacey Farrell, a Manhattan real estate agent, is forced to assume a new identity when she accidentally witnesses the murder of a woman whose daughter had recently died in an apparent accident. The woman's dying act is to give Lacey her daughter's journal—which she photocopies before giving it to the police. Bestseller 1997.

Deep Waters RC 44530
by Jayne Ann Krentz
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Charity Truitt, twenty-nine, walks out on her engagement party and escapes to Whispering Waters Cove, Washington. Although their marriage meant a merger between two large Seattle firms, her fiancé was just too big a man for Charity. In her new life, Charity meets Elias Winters, a man who seems to be just the right size. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Plum Island RC 44551
by Nelson DeMille
read by Fred Major
4 cassettes
While NYPD detective John Corey is recuperating from wounds on Long Island, two research biologists are found shot on nearby Plum Island. Corey joins the case and finds himself in a perilous world of germ warfare, buried treasure, avarice, and murder. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Before the Storm: The Black Fleet Crisis, Book 1 RC 44589
by Michael P. Kube-McDowell
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Since the Empire has been vanquished, the New Republic has entered an era of tranquil harmony under the leadership of the Jedi Knights. Then a series of events disrupts the peace: Luke ventures off on a perilous rescue mission to his mother's homeworld, Lando confronts a menacing spacecraft, and Leia attempts to avert a war. Prequel to *Shield of Lies (RC 44590)*. 1996.

Shield of Lies: The Black Fleet Crisis, Book 2 RC 44590
by Michael P. Kube-McDowell
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Before the Storm (RC 44589)*, Lando is abducted aboard an unidentified spacecraft, while Leia contends with a threat to the stability of the New Republic. Han departs on a deep-space voyage, where he engages a fleet of warships in a battle that could doom civilization. Bestseller 1996.

The Folly: Being the Fourth Volume of the Daughters of Mannerling RC 44591
by Marion Chesney
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
Rachel Beverley, the next sister in line to try to regain the lost family home, Mannerling, hopes to make a good impression on the latest owner, Charles Blackwood. But Rachel gets off to a bad start when she reprimands him for leaving his children in the charge of a spiteful governess. Sequel to *The Deception (RC 42439)*. 1996.

McNally's Gamble RC 44593
by Lawrence Sanders
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
As chief of discreet inquiries in his father's law firm, Archy McNally investigates the validity of a Fabergé Imperial egg. Client Edythe Westmore wants to buy the egg as an investment, but her children are strongly opposed. McNally uncovers greed, passion, and murder amidst the residents of Palm Beach. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Cow Country RC 44594
by Will James
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Eight short stories that capture the hardships, adventures, and spirit of the American cowboy. The selections tell of wild mustangs, ornery steers, lonesome drifters, and fancy dudes of the West in the early 1900s. 1995.

The Waiting Time RC 44609
by Eugenia Price
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Coastal Georgia, late 1850s. When Abigail Banes of Boston marries plantation-owner Eli Allyn, she doesn't mind Eli's owning slaves because she knows he will treat them well. But then Eli drowns, and Abby is left to run the plantation. As Abby and her overseer, Thaddeus Green, become abolitionists, Thad becomes Abby's helpmate. Bestseller 1997.

Chasing Cézanne RC 44634
by Peter Mayle
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
Andre Kelly, a freelance photographer for *DQ* magazine, is in France to photo-

graph a Russian woman's icons. While there he decides to visit an old friend. He arrives and discovers his friend is not at home, but the hired man seems to be removing a Cézanne painting. Kelly follows and finds himself involved in an art-forgery scam. Bestseller 1997.

The Actual RC 44636
by Saul Bellow
read by James DeLotel
1 cassette
Semiretired Harry Trellman, a man alienated from life and love, is abruptly hired to join the "brain trust" of a billionaire. There Harry reencounters the flame of his youth, who is now divorced and widowed. In a testimonial of hope, Harry seeks to reclaim his lost love. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Princess Charming RC 44680
by Jane Heller
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Since her divorce, Elaine Zimmerman mistrusts men and has no interest in romance. So she is not thrilled when her two friends drag her on a Caribbean cruise. Her qualms disappear when she meets appealing tablemate Sam Peck, but return when she learns that either she or one of her friends has been targeted for murder by an ex-husband. Some strong language. 1997.

Then Came Heaven RC 45146
by LaVyrle Spencer
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
In 1950s Browerville, Minnesota, Eddie Olczak, devastated by the death of his wife, and Sister Regina, his children's teacher, come to terms with the special feelings they have for each other. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

The Best Revenge RC 45147
by Stella Cameron
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
Rae Faith flees her abusive childhood home and, for ten years, leads a decent life, marrying a salesman. Then one day her husband doesn't return home, and his brother-in-law, Dallas Calhoun, accuses them both of embezzlement. Hoping to clear her own name, Rae follows Dallas—and falls in love. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

Women of Peace: Nobel Peace Prize Winners RC 40901
by Anne Schraff
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Since 1901, the annual Nobel Prizes for outstanding achievements have included an award for promoting peace. Only nine women have received this honor, and most of them made great personal sacrifices in their work toward peace and justice. One recipient is Mother Teresa, who, at an advanced age, continues to care for poor people in India. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1994.

Black Stars in Orbit: NASA's African American Astronauts RC 41667
by Khephra Burns and William Miles
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
In 1983 Guion Bluford became the first African American astronaut to fly in space. This book traces the history leading to that milestone, including the Tuskegee Airmen, the first black astronaut in the space program, and the important scientific and support contributions by blacks. It also tells how African American men and women continue the legacy in the 1990s. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Janice VanCleave's The Human Body for Every Kid: Easy Activities That Make Learning Science Fun RC 43479
by Janice VanCleave
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
Exercises, experiments, and activities designed to teach basic concepts in human anatomy and physiology. Topics for learning include cell structure, the senses, balance, movement, genetics, and the respiratory, circulatory, digestive, and musculoskeletal systems. For grades 5-7. 1995.

The Search for the Right Whale RC 44072
by Scott Kraus and Kenneth Mallory
read by Butch Hoover
1 cassette
Scientists for the New England Aquarium rediscover the extremely rare North Atlantic right whale off the coast of Maine. They then study the migration patterns of the whales as they travel from one end of the coast to the other. They also speculate about the chances for survival of an animal that was once hunted nearly to extinction. For grades 4-7. 1993.

I Am an American: A True Story of Japanese Internment RC 44161
by Jerry Stanley
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Tells of Shi Nomura, who, along with 120,000 other Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants, was imprisoned by the U.S. government during World

War II. Describes Nomura's unhappy stay at the Manzanar internment camp in California and discusses the hostility and fear experienced by those who came to America in search of a better life. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Signs of the Apes, Songs of the Whales: Adventures in Human-Animal Communication RC 44209
by George and Linda Harrar
read by Butch Hoover
1 cassette
The Harrars show how researchers have developed sign languages for talking with chimps, gorillas, and dolphins, thus proving these species have intelligence. For grades 5-8. 1989.

A. Nonny Mouse Writes Again! RC 44647
selected by Jack Prelutsky
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Following the success of their first collaboration in *Poems of A. Nonny Mouse (RC 31528)*, A. Nonny Mouse and Mr. Prelutsky have selected a new group of poems for your pleasure. These include poems about a kitten named Louie, a hippopotamus whose face is as big as his bottom, and the wizard of Oz. For grades K-3. 1993.

Cassettes Fiction

The Magic Finger RC 40827
by Roald Dahl
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
1 cassette (Reissue)
When an eight-year-old girl is cross, the forefinger on her right hand starts to tingle. The last time that happened, her teacher turned into a cat. Now she's put the magic finger on the whole Gregg family, next door, because she's angry with them for hunting animals. When the Greggs wake up, they realize they are tiny birds, and their house has been taken over by large ducks. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1966.

The Midwife's Apprentice RC 40833
by Karen Cushman
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
The only name she has ever known is Brat. She does not know how old she is—probably twelve or thirteen; she has no family or home; and she is unwashed, hungry, and unloved. Brat is discovered sleeping in a dung heap by the town's midwife, who reluctantly gives her many jobs to do in return for a piece of dry bread and stale cheese. But Brat soon determines to become a midwife herself. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Lucy's Summer RC 40904
by Donald Hall
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
School is out for the summer, and Lucy Wells's mother has decided to open a millinery shop in the front parlor. Lucy and Caroline help her make the hats. They also help can the fruits and vegetables for the coming winter. Just before school starts again, Lucy and her mother make a trip to Boston, Massachusetts. Companion to *Lucy's Christmas (RC 40911)*. For grades K-3. 1995.

Mister Fred RC 40908
by Jill Pinkwater
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Anya Murray, formerly a nobody, has been elected class president of 6-A, she has Miss Cintron for a teacher, and several of her best friends are in her class.

Life is wonderful. Then Miss Cintron announces she is leaving. The sixth graders band together and terrorize every substitute—until Goldberg Fred arrives. He is so unlike any teacher they have ever had that the students begin to think he is from outer space and try to prove it. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Lucy's Christmas RC 40911
by Donald Hall
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
The leaves on the trees are beginning to turn red, and Lucy Wells knows it is time to start planning for Christmas. Her parents order a Glenwood kitchen range from Sears Roebuck in Chicago, and during the fall and winter Lucy makes presents for her family and friends to share at the South Danbury Christian Church Christmas celebration. Companion to *Lucy's Summer (RC 40904)*. For grades K-3. 1994.

Re-Elect Nutty! RC 40923
by Dean Hughes
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Even though Nutty Nutsell was lousy as student council president in the fifth grade, in *Nutty for President (RC 18906)*, he has decided to run again. His competition includes Mindy Marshall, and he thinks she's the one behind the fliers that have been circulating listing embarrassing things about Nutty. Unfortunately the reports are all true. Nutty is going to have to do something to stop Mindy. For grades 4-7. 1995.

The Secret of the Ruby Ring RC 40927
by Yvonne MacGrory
read by Marilyn Gleason
2 cassettes
Lucy, an Irish girl, will be eleven on Sunday, and her grandmother has brought her a special present—a star ruby ring that is handed down to the women in the family. According to legend, the ring has magical powers, and Lucy learns she can make two wishes. When Lucy wishes for a bigger house, she is transported back to 1885 and to a nearby castle where she becomes nursemaid to two young children. For grades 4-7. 1991.

Your Move, J.P.! RC 40988
by Lois Lowry
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
James Priestly Tate, twelve, has an overwhelming urge, for the first time in his life, to use deodorant. Why? Because J.P. is in love with Angela Patricia Galsworthy, a new girl in his class. But his attempts to impress her soon lead to even stranger behavior. For grades 6-9. 1990.

The Royal Nap RC 41469
by Charles C. Black
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Every afternoon at one o'clock, King Gordo takes a two-hour nap, and during that time the castle must be completely silent. But one afternoon the king hears a hic . . . hic . . . hic from deep within the castle and cannot get to sleep. Soon the palace guards are searching the castle high and low. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

The Sugaring-Off Party RC 41470
by Jonathan London
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
As the Sugar Moon rises in the sky, Grand-mere tells Paul about the first sugaring-off party she attended sixty

years ago. She recounts the journey to Tante Loulou's home, the big feast, the dancing, and finally "la tire"—the sticky, gooey maple syrup that is poured on the snow to make taffy. For grades K-3. 1995.

Little Salt Lick and the Sun King RC 41550
by Jennifer Armstrong
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
In the palace at Versailles, young Paul is the second assistant rotisserie turner in the department of roasted meats. While Paul is working, his arms get so sweaty the palace dogs lick the salt off them. Paul likes dogs, but he doesn't like being slobbered on or being called Salt Lick. When the king returns from a journey, Paul gets an unexpected chance to change his life. For grades K-3. 1994.

Twelve Tales RC 41551
by Hans Christian Andersen
read by Barbara Rappaport
1 cassette
Translator Erik Blegvad, a native Dane who grew up hearing Andersen's stories, has retained the "old-fashioned" language of Andersen's time. The collection includes well-known tales such as "The Princess and the Pea," "The Steadfast Tin Soldier," and "The Emperor's New Clothes" and lesser-known stories such as "The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep" and "The Pixie at the Grocer's." For grades 3-6. 1994.

The Snow Speaks RC 41554
by Nancy White Carlstrom
read by Celeste Lawson
1 cassette
From the first snowfall of the season, the children listen to the snow speak. It squeaks and crunches under their feet, blows in waves and spray, and tells of magic in the woods. And just when the snow finally seems silent, it begins to whisper and then sing of Christmas. For preschool-grade 2. 1992.

Grams, Her Boyfriend, My Family, and Me RC 41565
by Pat Derby
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Fifteen-year-old Andy is surrounded by sisters and chaos. Dennie is a senior, Molly has skipped a grade to become a freshman, and the twins, Anne and Alice, have taken Andy's room from him. Now his mother has decided to get a job, his opinionated Grams has moved into their crowded house while hers is being restored, and his parents are using the living room as a bedroom. For grades 6-9. 1994.

The Mona Lisa of Salem Street RC 41566
by Jan Marino
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Since their parents died, Nettie and her little brother, John Peter, have been shuffled from relative to relative but always end up with their cross Grandma Bessie. Now Grandma is sending them to their widowed grandfather in Massachusetts. Grandma Bessie said their grandfather is wealthy, but Nettie soon realizes he's not. Although John Peter is very happy there, Nettie is sure they will be sent away. For grades 5-8. 1995.

McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm: Three Tall Tales RC 41575
by Sid Fleischman
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
Josh McBroom, his wife, and their eleven children are heading west when they are offered a farm in Iowa. The farm is under water, but a dry spell soon turns it into one acre of land with very rich soil. Crops grow in minutes, trees in hours. The McBrooms love their new farm, but they must fight wind that carries off small children and grasshoppers that eat anything green. For grades 3-6. 1966.

Welcome Back, Sun RC 41662
by Michael Emberley
read by Celeste Lawson
1 cassette
A little girl lives with her parents in a small village in Norway. It is March now, and since October the sun has not come out. This time of the year is called *murketiden*, or the murky time. This year the girl wants her parents to take her with the other villagers on the ceremonial hike up the mountain to welcome the sun back. For grades K-3. 1993.

The Seeing Stick RC 41665
by Jane Yolen
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
The emperor in Peking has a young daughter named Princess Hwei Ming, whom he showers with riches. But because the princess is blind, she is unhappy. The emperor offers a reward to the person who can make Hwei Ming see. An old blind man journeys to Peking with a piece of wood he calls a seeing stick. The stick's wonderful carved images allow a blind person to grow "eyes on the tips of her fingers." For grades K-3. 1977.

This Is a Great Place for a Hot Dog Stand RC 43068
by Barney Saltzberg
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Izzy hates his job at the toy factory—he would rather be outdoors. One day he decides to set up his own hot dog stand. When he finally opens for business on a vacant lot between two big office buildings, Madame Moola Moo wants to tear down his stand to build a mall. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

Crazy Weekend RC 43722
by Gary Soto
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Hector and his friend Mando go to Fresno to visit Hector's photographer uncle. On a photo shoot together, they inadvertently photograph a robbery by a pair of bumbling thugs. After bragging to a reporter, the two seventh-graders must evade the robbers' inept attempts to teach them a lesson. Prequel to *Summer on Wheels (RC 44022)*. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Mr. Lincoln's Drummer RC 43741
by G. Clifton Wisler
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Ten-year-old Willie Johnston is a drummer for the Union Army during the Civil War. Because of the bravery he displays—particularly during a fierce battle at Savage's Station, Virginia, where he is the only boy to keep his drum during retreat—Willie becomes the youngest person ever to receive the

Congressional Medal of Honor. Based on a true story. For grades 5-7. 1995.

Mennyms under Siege RC 43742
by Sylvia Waugh
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Mennyms in the Wilderness (RC 42035)*, the teenage Pilbeam ventures out to the theater, where she encounters a prying neighbor. After a series of such close calls, the Mennyms hole up at home to avoid scrutiny. But a tragedy means the family must face their mortality. For grades 4-6. 1995.

A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple RC 43743
by Kathryn Lasky
read by Corrie James
1 cassette
On October 1, 1620, after sailing more than a thousand miles, "Mem" Whipple, twelve, begins keeping a journal of her journey to America. She recounts daily problems aboard the *Mayflower* and then continues her journal for another year after the colonists land in America. An epilogue follows Mem's descendants up to 1850. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Happy Birthday, Kirsten! A Springtime Story RC 43754
by Janet Shaw
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Young pioneer Kirsten, her extended family, and the local teacher take shelter in a root cellar when a tornado threatens. While they are there, Miss Winston tells the cousins about her friendship quilt. After the disaster passes, the girls begin their own quilting projects—and their friends catch on! Sequel to *Kirsten's Surprise (RC 43753)*. For grades 2-4. 1987.

Happy Birthday, Molly! A Springtime Story RC 43834
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
During World War II, Emily Bennett, an English girl Molly's age, has come to stay. Molly is excited, but Emily is very quiet, and the girls have a hard time becoming friends. But they do, just in time for Molly's birthday. Then they can't agree on how to celebrate. Sequel to *Molly's Surprise (RC 43833)*. For grades 2-4. 1987.

Molly Saves the Day: A Summer Story RC 43835
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Molly and her friends are having a great time at summer camp during World War II, but each girl has a problem: Molly can't swim underwater, Susan can't paddle a canoe straight, and Linda is afraid of wiggly bugs. As the camp's Color War begins, each girl must overcome her obstacle. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Molly! (RC 43834)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

How Chipmunk Got Tiny Feet: Native American Animal Origin Stories RC 43880
retold by Gerald Hausman
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Seven stories that explain how the coyote, bat, lizard, hawk, horse, possum, and chipmunk came to be the animals we know today. Includes "How Coyote Got Yellow Eyes," "How Bat Learned to Fly," "How Lizard Got Flat," and

"How Possum Lost His Tail." For grades K-3. 1995.

Summer on Wheels RC 44022
by Gary Soto
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Crazy Weekend (RC 43722)*, Hector and his friend Mando decide to take a five-day bike trip from East Los Angeles to Hector's aunt's house in Santa Monica. Staying with relatives along the way, the boys are amazed at their good fortune. First Hector gets one hundred dollars for acting in a commercial, then he wins prime seats at a Dodgers game by being the millionth attendee. Includes a glossary of Spanish words. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Brown Sunshine of Sawdust Valley RC 44027
by Marguerite Henry
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
Molly wants a horse more than anything. When her father finally agrees, she is heartbroken that he chooses an aging mare instead of the young colt she envisioned. But sadness turns to joy when the mare surprises them by giving birth to a beautiful mule. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Tell Me Again about the Night I Was Born RC 44029
by Jamie Lee Curtis
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A little girl asks her parents over and over to tell her favorite story—the one about the night she was born and they came to adopt her. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

Gift Horse RC 44049
by Betty Levin
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
When Matt's filmmaker great-uncle visits, he brings gifts for the children, not realizing that Matt isn't a baby anymore. When Uncle Oliver promises to replace the babyish ball with a real horse, Matt's family doesn't believe it will happen. But Matt begins preparing a place for the horse he knows is coming. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Dog Friday RC 44057
by Hilary McKay
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Ten-year-old Robin Brogan is trying to overcome his fear of dogs. He gets some help when a bunch of kids move in next door with a dog as fierce as his name—Old Blanket. Then Robin finds an abandoned dog on the beach. The dog is nearly dead and Robin must decide if he is brave enough to nurse the dog back to health. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Out of the Blue RC 44062
by Sarah Ellis
read by Sharon Murray
1 cassette
Because Megan's parents have been acting as if they're hiding something, Megan begins to snoop. She finds a brochure for a sailing trip and assumes her parents are giving it to her for her twelfth birthday. Instead, the surprise is that Megan has a half-sister who is twice as old as she is. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Alice the Brave RC 44063
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Reluctantly Alice (RC 35493)*, Alice and her friends are spending the summer before eighth grade at a swimming pool. Alice, who has always managed to hide her fear of deep water, is secretly terrified the boys will throw her in. Meanwhile, her two best friends wrestle with problems of their own. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Mattimeo RC 44070
by Brian Jacques
read by David Palmer
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Redwall (RC 29729)*, the evil fox Slagar abducts several young animals, including Mattimeo, son of the warrior mouse Matthias, from Redwall Abbey. Matthias and other fathers launch a daring rescue mission, leaving the Abbey vulnerable to the marauding crows. Violence. For grades 4-6. 1990.

The Old Man Who Loved Cheese RC 44083
by Garrison Keillor
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Some men love money or fame, but Wallace P. Flynn chooses cheese. Unfortunately he likes the smelliest kinds of cheese, which are so offensive his family leaves him. When the cheese police finally arrest Mr. Flynn, he must choose between his cheese and freedom. For grades 2-4. 1996.

Snowbound Mystery RC 44112
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
When the Alden children get a week off from school, they decide to spend it in a cabin even though it is winter. Their only neighbors, a family that owns a small store, have obviously been searching for something in the cabin. It takes a snowstorm for the Aldens to help them find it. For grades 4-6. 1968.

Nate the Great and the Tardy Tortoise RC 44115
by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Craig Sharmat
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
Boy detective Nate the Great discovers a tortoise in his backyard. Realizing the flower-eating, slow-moving pet must be lost, Nate sets out to find its owner. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Gifts of Wali Dad: A Tale of India and Pakistan RC 44146
by Aaron Shepard
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
When old grass-cutter Wali Dad realizes he has saved more money than he needs, he buys a bracelet and has it delivered to the noblest lady in the world, the queen. Happy to be rid of his extra money, Wali Dad is horrified to receive an even more expensive gift from the queen. For grades K-3. 1995.

Babar the King RC 44154
by Jean De Brunhoff
read by Jamie Horton
1 cassette (Reissue)
King Babar and Queen Celeste are established as rulers of the country of the elephants. Since they have no capital

city, King Babar orders everything he needs to build a magnificent capital. For grades K-3. 1935.

Hop on Pop RC 44160
by Dr. Seuss
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Pairs of simple, rhyming words are introduced and used in bouncy nonsense sentences. "Day/Play/We play all day." "Night/Fight/We fight all night." For grades K-3. 1963.

Phantom Victory RC 44162
by Pamela F. Service
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Terri Graff and her family are natives on South Bass Island, and Terri is working in the archaeological dig at the site of the old Victory Hotel that burned in 1919. Brian Cornwell, descendant of regular summer vacationers, has come to the island with his family. When Brian discovers an old diary containing clues to a hidden emerald-and-diamond necklace, he and Terri combine forces to hunt for it. For grades 5-7. 1994.

Alexander, Who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!) Going to Move RC 44167
by Judith Viorst
read by Jamie Horton
1 cassette
Alexander's father has a new job far away. But Alexander is determined not to move and leave behind his best friend, his great sitter, his soccer team, and the cleaner who saves the gum wrappers from Alexander's pants pockets. Then his parents give Alexander some reasons to stay with his family. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Black Stallion RC 44178
by Walter Farley
read by Jamie Horton
1 cassette (Reissue)
When Alec Ramsay first sees the Black Stallion being forced aboard the ship on which he is a passenger, Alec has no idea that the magnificent creature will soon save his life. For grades 4-7. 1941.

Our House: The Stories of Levittown RC 44202
by Pam Conrad
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Levittown is a suburban New York town built in 1947. Six fictional children from each following decade until the 1990s describe experiences growing up there. In his brand-new house, a boy puts his footprints in a new patio and then surprises his parents by falling through the kitchen ceiling. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge RC 44210
by Susan Shreve
read by Randy Wieck
1 cassette
In this sequel to *The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates (RC 23113)*, Joshua is in the fifth grade and still having problems with bully Tommy Wilhelm. The last thing Joshua needs is to be assigned to help out Sean, a new classmate. Tommy, who thinks Sean is even more of a nerd than Joshua, organizes the other boys to torment him. For grades 3-6. 1993.

Halloween Party RC 44217
by Linda Shute
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
A mother and son put the finishing touches on their Halloween costumes and head to the neighborhood party

where the decorations feature buckets of worms and bowls of slime and the guests include monsters, wizards, and wombats. For grades K-3. 1994.

Local News RC 44338
by Gary Soto
read by Michael Pinney
1 cassette
Thirteen tales set in a Mexican American neighborhood in which young boys and girls share the embarrassment and disappointments they frequently endure at the hands of friends or siblings. Companion to *Baseball in April and Other Stories (RC 37667)*. For grades 5-8. 1993.

Orp and the FBI RC 44431
by Suzy Kline
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Orville and his friend Derrick call themselves the Famous Bathtub Investigators because that's where Orville thinks up mysteries to solve. But this time his sister comes up with the most intriguing puzzles: finding out who wrote the letter that made their mother cry and who the shadowy figure is in their neighbors' empty house. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Whitefish Will Rides Again! RC 44600
by Arthur Yorinks
read by Jamie Horton
1 cassette
Whitefish Will is such a good sheriff that he scares all the criminals away. Not needing him anymore, the townfolk retire him. But years later, a bad man comes to town and they must bring the lawman back. For grades K-3. 1994.

The Fear Place RC 44615
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Doug is camping with his geologist parents and his hateful brother Gordon in Colorado for the summer. When their parents have to fly out for an uncle's funeral, the brothers argue until Gordon stalks off to camp by himself on his favorite ridge. Days pass and Gordon doesn't return, so, despite his fear of the ridge, Doug is forced to look for his brother. A surprisingly friendly cougar helps him face the "fear place." Some strong language. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Peter and Veronica RC 44702
by Marilyn Sachs
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette (Reissue)
Despite his Jewish family's disapproval, Peter Wedemeyer is determined to keep his best friend, gentile tomboy Veronica Ganz. Sequel to *Veronica Ganz (RC 44746)*. For grades 4-7. 1969.

The Trouble with Henriette! RC 44709
by Wende and Harry Devlin
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Jolie's grandfather is going to give away Jolie's dog, Henriette, now that she can't sniff out truffles anymore. Jolie knows it is only because Grandfather makes Henriette sleep in the barn, so hay fever is affecting her smell. But how can she make Grandfather believe her? For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Las Sandalias del Pescador RC 40899
por Morris West
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
Un campesino ucraniano que por muchos años fue prisionero de los rusos es elegido Papa. Las reformas seglares y espirituales del nuevo Papa producen muchas controversías en un momento en el que la Iglesia se ve forzada a jugar un papel más amplio en los asuntos mundiales. (A Ukrainian peasant who was a prisoner of the Russians for many years is elected Pope. The secular and spiritual intersect as the new Pope attempts reforms at a time when the church is being forced to play a larger role in world affairs.) 1963.

Franco: Caudillo de España RC 43405
por Paul Preston
leído por Juan Ramirez
10 cassettes en 2 envases
Biografía del dictador español Francisco Franco, conocido por su victoria sobre las fuerzas republicanas durante la Guerra Civil Española y por su régimen de cuarenta años sobre España hasta su muerte en 1975. Recuenta su nacimiento, niñez y principios de su carrera militar en Marruecos, su ascendencia al poder en los años 1930 y el régimen de Franco durante y después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial. (Biography of Spanish dictator Francisco Franco, noted for his victory over Republican forces in the Spanish Civil War and for his forty-year rule over Spain until his death in 1975. Covers his birth, childhood, and early military career in Morocco, his rise to power in the 1930s, and the Franco regime during and after World War II.) 1994.

Cruzando el Umbral de la Esperanza RC 43951
por John Paul II
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
En conmemoración de quince años de su papado, el Papa Juan Pablo II responde a preguntas sobre asuntos religiosos. Habla sobre el misterio de la oración, la existencia de Dios, la presencia del mal en el mundo y sobre la razón por la cual Dios tolera el sufrimiento. Otros temas incluyen el papado, la salvación, la vida eterna, otras religiones, decisiones del Consejo del Vaticano, los derechos humanos y la esperanza. (To commemorate fifteen years of his papacy, Pope John Paul II responds to questions on religious matters. He talks about the existence of God; the presence of evil in the world; God's tolerance of suffering; and topics such as the papacy, other religions, decisions by the Vatican Council, human rights, and hope.) 1994.

Del Amor y Otros Demonios RC 43952
por Gabriel García Márquez
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
Toma lugar en un puerto de mar sudamericano durante la época colonial, con sus marcadas divisiones entre las clases ricas y pobres. Un perro rabioso muerde a Sierva María de Todos Los Angeles, de doce años de edad y la entregan para que la exorcicen a la Iglesia donde un cura estudioso la adora. Su amor prohibido se convierte en un sím-

bolo de barreras que se rompen y culturas que se mezclan. (Set in a South American seaport during the colonial era with its split between the rich and the poor. Twelve-year-old Sierva Maria de Todos los Angeles is bitten by a rabid dog and taken to the church for exorcism, where she is adored by a bookish priest. Their forbidden love symbolizes the breaking of barriers and blending of cultures.) 1994.

Talking Book Magazines

Discs

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The Atlantic Monthly (monthly)
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Contemporary Sound Track: A Review of Pop, Jazz, Rock, and Country (bimonthly)
Diabetes Forecast (monthly)
Discover (monthly)
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Ebony (monthly)
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National Geographic World, (for children and teens, on one cassette with **Cricket,** monthly)

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Sélections du *Reader's Digest* (monthly)

Seventeen (monthly)

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Sports Illustrated for Kids (monthly)

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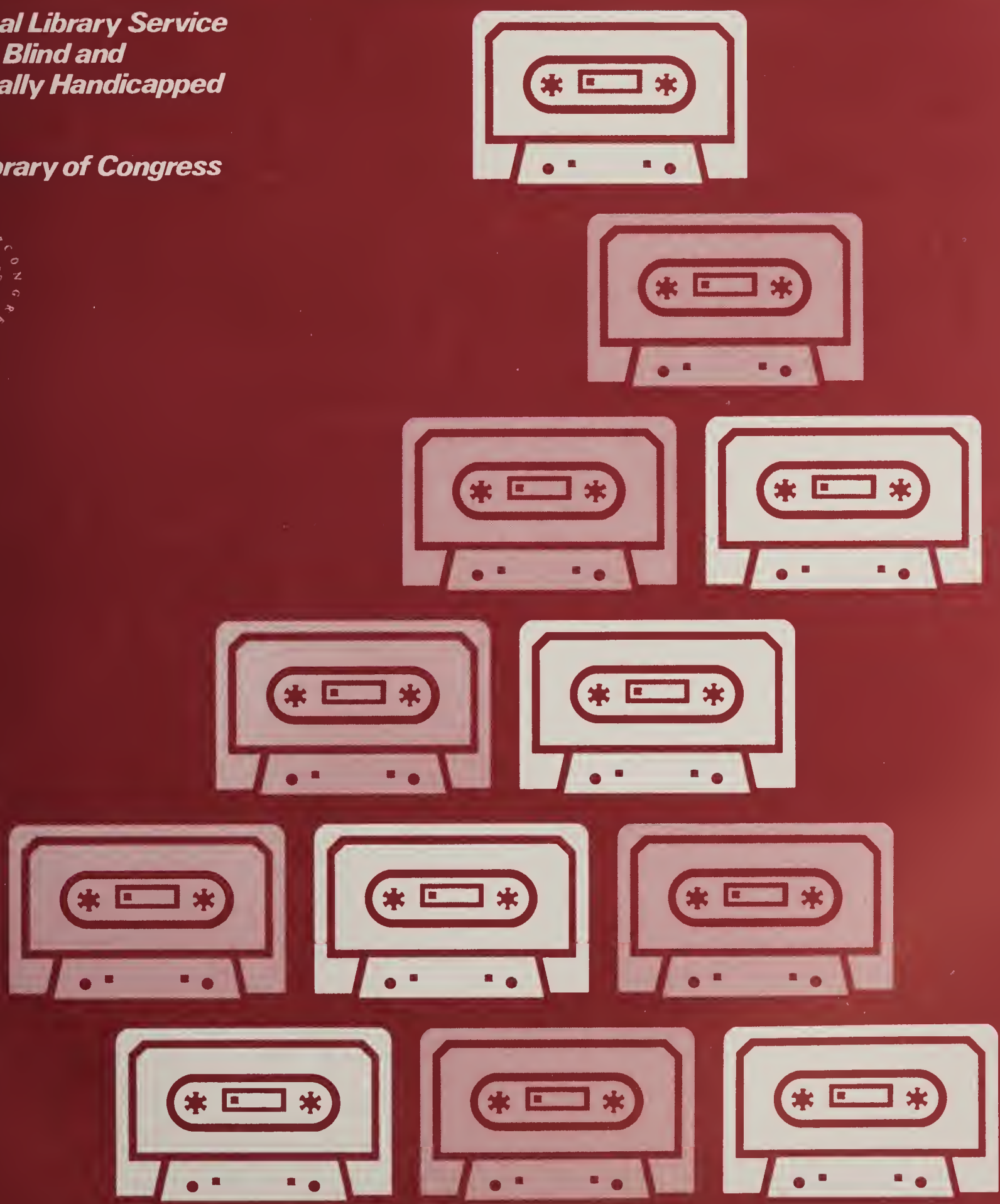

Talking Book Topics is published bimonthly in large-print, cassette, flexible audio disc, and computer diskette formats and distributed free to blind and physically handicapped individuals who participate in the Library of Congress free reading program. It lists recorded books and magazines available through a national network of cooperating libraries and covers news of developments and activities in library services.

The annotated list in this issue is limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including classics, biographies, gothics, mysteries, and how-to and self-help guides. To learn more about the wide range of books in the national collection, readers may order catalogs and subject bibliographies from cooperating libraries. Librarians can check other resources for titles and answer requests for special materials. Readers can receive *Talking Book Topics* and other information through the Internet by accessing the NLS home page at http://www.loc.gov/nls.

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In Brief

NLS Continues Magazine Program Changes

Beginning in January 1999, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will offer readers twelve magazines on cassette instead of flexible disc.These magazines continue a transition to the new cassette format for all audio magazines. NLS plans to continue the change in 2000 with an additional ten or eleven titles moving to cassette and conclude in 2001 when all NLS recorded magazines will be available on cassette.

This improvement to the magazine program is based on the recommendation of an advisory committee composed of program users and librarians. Subscribers will automatically receive the magazines listed below on cassette and need not take any action. To start a new subscription to these or any magazines in the program, contact your cooperating library.

- Civilization (bimonthly)
- Computer Life (monthly)
- Consumer Reports (monthly)
- Eating Well (bimonthly)
- Ebony (monthly)
- Good Housekeeping (monthly)
- Money (monthly)
- The *New York Times* Book Review (weekly)
- People (weekly)
- Stereo Review (monthly)
- Travel Holiday (monthly)
- Working Woman (monthly)

Catalog Survey Coming Soon

Patrons will soon be able to select and order NLS catalogs and bibliographies that will be issued in 1999. A large-print order form will be mailed early this fall to patrons who subscribe to TBT. The form will give patrons the opportunity to order upcoming publications, such as *Cassette Books 1998* and *Braille Books 1997–1998*. Catalogs and bibliographies ordered will be sent directly to patrons when the publications are produced.

Newsstand

The following announcement may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

Shopping Catalogs. Home Readers offers a variety of popular mail order catalogs on 4-track cassette. The catalogs list products from companies that sell clothing, gifts, music, food, collectibles, cosmetics, pet supplies, and health-related items. The tapes feature descriptions of patterns, styles, and colors that are pictured in the print editions. Prices for the catalogs range from $2 to $5. For more information, contact Home Readers, 604 W. Hulett, Edgerton, KS 66021; telephone (913) 893-6939; e-mail Homeread@Qni.com.

Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

Cassettes Nonfiction

Partial Eclipse: A Book of Poetry
RC 40957
by Tony Sanders
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Collection of forty-two contemporary poems by Tony Sanders. Selections highlight the meaning of common experiences such as driving through the desert night or witnessing a partial eclipse of the sun. Winner of the 1993 Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry. 1994.

Making Sense of Suffering: The Healing Confrontation with Your Own Past
RC 40987
by J. Konrad Stettbacher
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Swiss psychotherapist Stettbacher outlines the theory and technique of primal therapy. He holds that incidents of "primal wounding" early in life cause painful, unconscious memories and later emotional distress. Through his four-step program, the painful memories are brought into conscious awareness and dealt with. 1991.

Secrets of Becoming a Late Bloomer: Extraordinary Ordinary People on the Art of Staying Creative, Alive, and Aware in Mid-Life and Beyond RC 41570
by Connie Goldman and Richard Mahler
read by Graci Ragsdale
2 cassettes
The authors describe a late bloomer as anyone who defies the notion that his or her best years are over and who regards the later stages of life not as a crisis but as a quest. They relate the "secrets" of older people who took the initiative to make positive choices for their lives. 1995.

Apologia pro Vita Sua RC 41689
by John Henry Newman
read by David Impastato
3 cassettes
Cardinal Newman details the evolution of his religious beliefs, which made him a leader of the Oxford movement to revitalize the Church of England and eventually led him to become a Catholic. Includes his classic text, first published in 1864; a biographical introduction by Philip Hughes; correspondence

between Newman and Charles Kingsley; and the Kingsley attack that provoked Newman to write the *Apologia*. 1989.

I Thought He Was a Speed Bump: And Other Excuses from Life in the Fast Lane RC 41816

by Terry Marotta
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette

Newspaper columnist's collection of essays is peopled mainly by family members. She faints in a clattering of bones after viewing her husband's cut arm. While picking up fast food at McDonald's, she wears her baby's spit-up proudly and with a certain sorrowful dignity. She marvels at how kids can't do homework without adults drilling, coaching, and offering snacks and back rubs. 1994.

From the Beast to the Blonde: On Fairy Tales and Their Tellers RC 41906

by Marina Warner
read by Kimberly Schraf
4 cassettes

Although most familiar fairy tales were documented by men, the author points out that it was women storytellers who passed down the "old wives' tales" and their morals. The cultural and historic roles of these storytellers are presented from a feminist perspective. The book also examines recurrent themes and symbolism in familiar tales, such as the beast/man and the damsel with blond hair. 1994.

Last Watch of the Night: Essays Too Personal and Otherwise RC 41911

by Paul Monette
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes

Ten essays written from August 1992 to New Year's Eve 1993. While "leashed to three separate IV drugs and a small mountain of oral medication," AIDS patient Monette wrote as thoughts came to him. Topics include Puck, the dog left by one of his lovers; selecting his own grave site; and the lives of gay priests. Follows *Borrowed Time (RC 41663)* and *Becoming a Man (RC 41664)*. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1994.

Beyond News of the Weird RC 41975

by Chuck Shepherd and others
read by Gary Telles
1 cassette

Humorous, unusual news stories are compiled in this companion to *News of the Weird (RC 31592)*. Fleeing after committing a burglary, two crooks accidentally scale a fence into San Quentin prison. A skinny inmate escapes by covering himself with hoarded margarine. A toddler reaching for a dropped potato chip falls through a hole in the floor of his mother's old car. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

Forever Barbie: The Unauthorized Biography of a Real Doll RC 42192

by M.G. Lord
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes

This breezy "biography" reveals little-known facts about the teenage fashion doll. The author shows how Barbie has been changed to reflect American trends and how Barbie has changed America. The development of a doll that is a sexy, independent young woman is alternately described by critics as feminist and antifeminist. The author herself is a "first-generation Barbie owner." 1994.

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother RC 42713
by James McBride
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
One of twelve siblings in Brooklyn, the author was confused about his mother's race. She called herself light-skinned and refused to discuss her past. Years later she admitted to being an Orthodox rabbi's daughter whose family shunned her after her marriage to the first of her two black husbands. Some strong language. 1996.

White Elephants RC 42893
by Reetika Vazirani
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
1 cassette
Winner of the Barnard New Women Poets prize. Born in India but raised in the United States, Vazirani writes about the intersection of the two cultures. "Last week I sent my sari / to new dry cleaner, and I was in shock / to be billed for two tablecloths," she declares in "Mrs. Biswas of Maryland on the Phone." Introduction by Marilyn Hacker. 1996.

Virtually Normal: An Argument about Homosexuality RC 43676
by Andrew Sullivan
read by Miriam Wagner
2 cassettes
Explores the issue of homosexuality from four political perspectives: prohibitionist, liberationist, conservative, and liberal. Examines the major arguments of the four positions and assesses their implications. Advocates a policy prohibiting public, but allowing private, discrimination. 1995.

I Am Spock RC 43757
by Leonard Nimoy
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Memoir of the actor famous for the pointy-eared, half-alien *Star Trek* character that he portrayed. Discusses his relationships with the other actors and studio executives and gives an insider's view of the development of the *Star Trek* phenomenon. 1995.

Memoirs RC 43865
by Mikhail Gorbachev
read by Ken Kliban
7 cassettes
The former Soviet leader chronicles and assesses events of the final years of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991. Discusses his political platform of *glasnost* and *perestroika* and recounts his achievements and mistakes in office. Avers that the Soviet system was collapsing as he took the reins of power in 1985. 1995.

Love's Work: A Reckoning with Life RC 44001
by Gillian Rose
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
1 cassette
A poetic intellectual memoir in which illness, pain, and loss attest to the beauty of human relationships. Images of cancer-ravaged faces, "shriveled, drained" bodies of AIDS victims, and the author's own illness give focus to her reflections on suffering and love. 1995.

Cromwell: The Lord Protector RC 44016
by Antonia Fraser
read by Robert Blumenfeld
7 cassettes
Presents the life and career of Oliver Cromwell, soldier and politician, who in 1653 was declared lord protector of En-

gland. Follows the course of his troubled reign and describes the brutal military campaigns that he led against Ireland, Scotland, and Spain. Violence. 1973.

Ghost of a Chance: A Memoir
RC 44024
by Peter Duchin
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Autobiography of the son of famed orchestra leader Eddy Duchin. Recounts his mother's tragic death in his infancy, his privileged youth spent growing up in the household of Averell Harriman, his years of self-discovery, and his later career as a society bandleader. 1996.

Alex Haley: The *Playboy* Interviews
RC 44110
by Alex Haley
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes
Eleven interviews, two essays, and an excerpt from Haley's *Roots (RC 9409)*. Subjects of the interviews, conducted by Haley and originally published in *Playboy* between 1962 and 1990, include Miles Davis, Malcolm X, Cassius Clay, Martin Luther King Jr., George Lincoln Rockwell, Sammy Davis Jr., Johnny Carson, and Quincy Jones. Some strong language. 1993.

Joycelyn Elders, M.D.: From Sharecropper's Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States of America
RC 44131
by Joycelyn Elders and David Chanoff
read by Connie Winston
3 cassettes
Recounts the personal and professional life of the Clinton appointee whose forthright statements led to her resignation after fifteen months. Tells how she came to her stands on issues like teen pregnancy and drug abuse and describes political tactics she witnessed. 1996.

A Bridge Too Far RC 44181
by Cornelius Ryan
read by Jake Williams
5 cassettes (Reissue)
Recounts the 1944 battle of Arnhem and the daring Allied airborne assault on Nazi-occupied Holland. The attack, which was intended to capture a crucial bridge and end the war early, resulted in heavy losses and a defeat for the Allies. Companion to *The Longest Day (RC 38896)*. Violence. 1974.

Reporting World War II: American Journalism, 1938–1944 RC 44199
by Library of America
read by Mitzi Friedlander
7 cassettes
An anthology of news dispatches, articles, letters, and broadcast transcripts from the beachheads and front lines of World War II. Covers the beginning of the war, recounting the Munich Conference of 1938, Germany's invasion of Poland, Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, and the early battles. Violence. 1995.

Melville: A Biography RC 44225
by Laurie Robertson-Lorant
read by John Richardson
7 cassettes
A portrait of the adventurous author of the 1851 American classic *Moby Dick (RC 34184)*. Draws upon family letters discovered in 1983 to reveal insights into Melville's complex identity, family life, and personal beliefs about war, slavery, and social injustice. Violence. 1996.

After the Wall: Germany, the Germans, and the Burdens of History RC 44232
by Marc Fisher
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
An American journalist explores the aftermath of German reunification following the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Refutes the stereotype of Germany as a prosperous, internally tranquil nation. Portrays, rather, a divided country haunted by its past. 1995.

Darwin's Dangerous Idea: Evolution and the Meanings of Life RC 44234
by Daniel C. Dennett
read by Butch Hoover
5 cassettes
An erudite examination of Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection and controversies that relate to it. Explores the scientific and ethical implications of Darwin's philosophy for human behavior, language, and culture. 1995.

The Book of Naturalists: An Anthology of the Best Natural History RC 44242
edited by William Beebe
read by John Richardson
5 cassettes
This collection of writings on natural history includes essays by Aristotle, Pliny, Carl Linnæus, Antony van Leeuwenhoek, Gilbert White, John James Audubon, Henry David Thoreau, Charles Darwin, Thomas Henry Huxley, W.H. Hudson, John Muir, Jean Henri Fabre, Theodore Roosevelt, and Rachel L. Carson. 1944.

Sherman's Horsemen: Union Cavalry Operations in the Atlanta Campaign RC 44250
by David Evans
read by Lou Harpenau
6 cassettes
Recounts the role and exploits of the Union cavalry during General Sherman's siege of Atlanta in 1864. When Confederate resistance stalled the Union advance, Sherman deployed his horsemen to sever railroad lines, destroy supplies, and isolate the city. Violence. 1996.

Dark Sun: The Making of the Hydrogen Bomb RC 44281
by Richard Rhodes
read by Dani Carr
6 cassettes
A historical account of the cold war focusing on the nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union. Traces the development of the hydrogen bomb, the formation of arms stockpiles, and the superpower confrontations that nearly erupted into global cataclysms. 1995.

The Double Flame: Love and Eroticism RC 44327
by Octavio Paz
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
Examination of love and sexuality, particularly as portrayed in literature beginning with Plato's *Symposium*. Paz defines the distinctions between sex, love, and eroticism and further delineates the varieties of love. As these concepts have evolved over time, Paz argues, we, too, must envision a new eroticism. 1995.

Castles Burning: A Child's Life in War RC 44366
by Magda Denes
read by Suzanne Toren
3 cassettes
A woman's wry account of her childhood as a Jewish fugitive in Hungary during World War II. In 1939, her father abandoned his family for America, leaving them in poverty and peril. The author relates the harsh ordeal of wartime persecution and their eventual escape to Cuba. Violence. 1997.

Master of the Game: Steve Ross and the Creation of Time Warner RC 44370
by Connie Bruck
read by Margaret Strom
4 cassettes
Portrays the life of flamboyant business mogul Steve Ross. Traces his Brooklyn youth, his early success as an entrepreneur, and his ascent to power and wealth as a consummate dealmaker and the head of the Time-Warner media and entertainment empire. 1994.

Walt Whitman's Civil War RC 44377
by Walt Whitman
read by Jeff Baker
2 cassettes
Whitman's accounts of his experiences during the Civil War, when he served three years as a voluntary visitor and consoler of wounded soldiers. The editor, Walter Lowenfels, brings together newspaper dispatches, letters, poems, and notebook entries of Whitman's personal reactions. 1960.

The Kiss RC 44395
by Kathryn Harrison
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A woman's poignant account of her incestuous affair with her father, a respected minister. Relates the sense of helplessness and guilt that she felt and traces her struggle to overcome a sordid past and move on to a stable adult life. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Love and Sex after 60 RC 44432
by Robert N. Butler and Myrna I. Lewis
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Mindful that the average life span has increased by more than twenty-five years since the turn of the century and of the more positive attitude toward sexuality in older Americans, two gerontologists offer advice for coping with late-life sexuality. Topics include sexual fitness, common emotional problems, dating, and family reactions. 1996.

Losing It: America's Obsession with Weight and the Industry That Feeds on It RC 44436
by Laura Fraser
read by Camille McCurty Ali
3 cassettes
An exposé of the American weight-loss industry, a nearly fifty-billion-dollar-a-year enterprise that perpetuates and exploits the public's obsession with thinness. Argues that relatively few people suffer an actual medical problem from obesity, but the drive to be thin is often harmful to health. 1997.

My Own Cape Cod RC 44439
by Gladys Taber
read by Camille McCurty Ali
2 cassettes
A former "summer person" invites the reader to share her life as a full-time resident of the Cape—someone who has crossed the bridge for good. Taber delights in the many kinds of people she enjoys knowing, the days worth cele-

brating, the pace that rests the spirit, the flora and fauna that exist in this natural setting, and even the recipes to follow in preparing the wonderful seafood that is easily found. 1971.

Stand Facing the Stove: The Story of the Women Who Gave America *The Joy of Cooking* RC 44440
by Anne Mendelson
read by Mary Kane
4 cassettes
Mendelson, journalist and culinary historian, portrays the lives of Irma Rombauer and her daughter Marion Rombauer Becker, while tracing the culinary roots of American cuisine from the 1850s. 1996.

First Ladies RC 44441
by Margaret Truman
read by Faith Potts
3 cassettes
"First daughter" Truman provides a group portrait of America's first ladies, from Martha Washington to Hillary Rodham Clinton. Truman compares and contrasts the roles each first lady played in her husband's administration. 1995.

A Desperate Passion: An Autobiography RC 44457
by Helen Broinowski Caldicott
read by Corrie James
3 cassettes
Australian antinuclear activist recalls her years of social protest aimed at raising public awareness of the risks related to nuclear weapons development. She recounts her confrontations with officials in government and business in the United States and elsewhere, her career as a physician, and her personal triumphs and defeats. 1996.

Selena! The Phenomenal Life and Tragic Death of the Tejano Music Queen RC 44470
by Clint Richmond
read by Ilona Dulaski and Maria Pino
2 cassettes
The author describes the last few days of Selena's life and the rumors surrounding her murder. He then describes Selena's childhood, her concern for others, and her support of her family and tells how her music bridged the ethnic gap between Mexican Americans and Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and Anglos. In English and Spanish. Some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

The Paper's Papers: A Reporter's Journey through the Archives of the *New York Times* RC 44479
by Richard F. Shepard
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
A veteran *New York Times* reporter reviews the correspondence, memos, sketches, and other documents that comprise the newspaper's private archives. Examines the *Times* as an institution: how it has covered historic persons and events, handled controversy, and made everyday editorial decisions. 1996.

Oseola McCarty's Simple Wisdom for Rich Living RC 44494
by Oseola McCarty
read by Connie Winston
1 cassette
Oseola McCarty left school after the sixth grade to work for decades as a laundress. In 1994, at eighty-six, McCarty donated $150,000 of her life savings to the University of Southern Mississippi. Now a celebrity, McCarty still

lives a simple life, as explained in these quotations. 1996.

John Marshall: Definer of a Nation RC 44531

by Jean Edward Smith
read by Lou Harpenau
6 cassettes
A portrait of the nation's fourth chief justice, under whose tenure "the Supreme Court became a dominant force in American life" and the principles of federal power and judicial review were framed. Traces his Virginia heritage and achievements as scholar, soldier, diplomat, legislator, and jurist. 1996.

Robert Penn Warren: A Biography RC 44532

by Joseph Blotner
read by Mitzi Friedlander
5 cassettes
Explores the life and works of the award-winning American novelist, poet, and scholar. Robert Penn Warren grew up in rural Kentucky in the early 1900s and set his novels in the South. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1947 for *All the King's Men (RC 12200)*. 1997.

Louisiana: A Guide to the State RC 44534

by Writers' Program: Louisiana
read by Kerry Cundiff
7 cassettes
Guidebook written by the Federal Writer's Project in 1940. Part one is an overview that looks at history, government, commerce, agriculture, arts, and literature. Part two focuses on sixteen cities and towns. Part three provides details for more than forty tours of regions throughout the state. 1940.

Soros on Soros: Staying ahead of the Curve RC 44538

by George Soros
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
A noted financial expert sums up his life and work in a series of interviews. Explores topics that include global finance, investing, philanthropy, and international politics. Discusses his core philosophical idea: "I believe in my own fallibility." 1995.

Great Books: My Adventures with Homer, Rousseau, Woolf, and Other Indestructible Writers of the Western World RC 44541

by David Denby
read by David Palmer
4 cassettes
Memoir of a prominent film critic's return to college after thirty years to retake two courses in Western classics. He recounts his year's engagement with the great books and with his young, media-age classmates. Strong language. Best-seller 1996.

Kennedy and Nixon: The Rivalry That Shaped Postwar America RC 44548

by Christopher Matthews
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
Examines the complicated relationship between the two presidents who started their political careers as close friends. Matthews looks at the 1960 presidential contest that cemented their rivalry and discusses how John Kennedy's legacy and overwhelming popularity continued to haunt Richard Nixon years after the 1963 assassination. Some strong language. 1996.

Being Different: Lambda Youths Speak Out RC 44553
by Larry Dane Brimner
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
Personal narratives from a diverse group of homosexual youths about discovering, confronting, and living with their sexual identity. They recount the challenges of being different, the discrimination they have faced, and the ways they have coped. Some strong language. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

Radical Surgery: What's Next for America's Health Care RC 44556
by Joseph A. Califano
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
A critique of America's health-care system and of the political and corporate interests that have failed to remedy its ills. Advocates a shift in policy focus from sick care to disease prevention. Exhorts every American to take responsibility for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. 1994.

The Object Stares Back: On the Nature of Seeing RC 44561
by James Elkins
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
An art historian examines the phenomenon of vision, a complex and interactive process that "is irrational, inconsistent, and undependable." Discusses selective and unconscious aspects of sight, "forbidden images" of death and sex, the visual focus on bodies and faces, and the links between blindness and sight. 1996.

Miles to Go: A Personal History of Social Policy RC 44562
by Daniel Patrick Moynihan
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
A senator and policy advisor traces the development of America's social policies and programs since the 1960s. He assesses the political and economic influences of the 1990s which, he avers, hamper the government's ability to deal effectively with social problems in the postindustrial age. 1996.

After Cancer: A Guide to Your New Life RC 44563
by Wendy Schlessel Harpham
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
A guide for cancer survivors in their transition to a new life after the illness. Offers advice for dealing with various medical, social, and emotional issues. Discusses common aftereffects of cancer treatment and some challenges of survivorship. 1994.

Rethinking America RC 44565
by Hedrick Smith
read by Butch Hoover
4 cassettes
Asserts that Americans need to develop an entirely new mind-set to thrive in a world of rapid technological change and global competition. Cites successful "American innovators" in business and education whose reforms can serve as models for the rest of society. 1995.

***The Devil Problem* and Other True Stories RC 44632**
by David Remnick
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
Portraits of prominent people, giving attention to "the gap between private life

and public ambition." Focuses on personalities such as Gary Hart from politics and Reggie Jackson from sports to depict a common theme about personal success and tragedy. 1996.

Conversations with God: An Uncommon Dialogue, Book 2 RC 44644
by Neale Donald Walsch
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Following up *Conversations with God, Book 1 (RC 44643)*, Walsch now deals with global issues. He discusses world ecological and economic soundness and how to improve life. Bestseller 1997.

The Least of These My Brethren: A Doctor's Story of Hope and Miracles on an Inner-City AIDS Ward RC 44652
by Daniel Baxter
read by Brian Conn
3 cassettes
An account of life and death amid the squalor of New York City's largest AIDS center. Relates the difficulties of providing care for uncooperative drug addicts, prostitutes, and other social outcasts. In spite of the hardships and frustrations, the author affirms his belief in the value of every human life. Strong language. 1997.

Dying Well: The Prospect for Growth at the End of Life RC 44656
by Ira Byock
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
A holistic approach to dealing with the physical and emotional pain of terminal illness. Based on his years as a hospice physician, the author provides the tools he considers necessary to make the passage from life to death a tranquil experience. 1997.

The Path to Love: Renewing the Power of Spirit in Your Life RC 44657
by Deepak Chopra
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
Explores the spiritual dimensions of love in our lives and relationships. Avers that adults often feel neither lovable nor loved in a hostile world, and thus feel diminished. Such people are in need of spiritual renewal to restore their capacity to love themselves and others. 1997.

Prostate Cancer: What Every Man—and His Family—Needs to Know RC 44663
by David Bostwick and others
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
A physician's guide to the most common form of cancer to strike American men. Provides basic facts about the disease, its causes, detection, evaluation, treatment options, and long-term complications. Discusses the value of support groups for afflicted men and their partners. 1996.

The Hunt for Life on Mars RC 44667
by Donald Goldsmith
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
In 1996 scientists revealed that an ancient Martian meteorite discovered in Antarctica suggested the possibility of extraterrestrial life. The author recounts the excitement of that event, the results of scientific analyses of the specimen, and the controversy that surrounds interpretations of the breakthrough finding. 1997.

A Talent for Genius: The Life and Times of Oscar Levant RC 44681
by Sam Kashner and
Nancy Schoenberger
read by Jake Williams
4 cassettes
From the 1930s through the 1950s Levant was a composer, a concert pianist, and an actor known for his sardonic humor. Drug addiction and manic-depressive disorder destroyed his career, but his wit carried him as a television personality and memoirist through the 1960s. Some strong language. 1994.

In the Arena: An Autobiography RC 44683
by Charlton Heston
read by Jim Zeiger
5 cassettes
Memoir of the screen actor who starred in such historical epics as *The Ten Commandments*, *Ben Hur*, and *El Cid*. Recounts his youth in rural Michigan, his college years studying drama, and inside stories about the many major roles of his distinguished film career. Strong language. 1995.

Nixon's Piano: Presidents and Racial Politics from Washington to Clinton RC 44687
by Kenneth O'Reilly
read by John Rayburn
4 cassettes
A perspective on the racial "politics of division" that have pervaded the presidency since the start of the republic. Cites slaveholding by early presidents and exploitation of racial issues for political advantage by later chief executives. Asserts that racism is an enduring theme of American politics. 1995.

Cancer Free: The Comprehensive Cancer Prevention Program RC 44703
by Sidney J. Winawer and Moshe Shike
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
Physicians at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center explain step-by-step "how to design a personal, practical, and surprisingly simple cancer prevention program." Includes a glossary and a resource list of organizations and institutions. 1995.

In My Father's Name: A Family, a Town, a Murder RC 44712
by Mark Arax
read by Steven Carpenter
3 cassettes
Years after the murder of his father in his Fresno nightclub, reporter Mark Arax investigates the unsolved crime. His probe leads him into a sordid world of drug dealing and official corruption to reveal the truth about his father and give insights into his own life. Strong language and violence. 1996.

My American Century RC 44714
by Studs Terkel
read by Mary Kane
4 cassettes
This collection of interviews with "ordinary" Americans is taken from Terkel's eight oral histories of American life and organized into the following themes: the "American Dream," the Great Depression, World War II, the American city, the world of work, the question of race, and the twentieth century. Some strong language. 1997.

Masters of Illusion: The World Bank and the Poverty of Nations RC 44719
by Catherine Caufield
read by Peter Gil
3 cassettes
A scathing critique of the international institution set up in 1944 to fund post-war recovery and to support Third World development. Portrays a history of arrogant leadership and inept bureaucracy whose decisions have often undermined World Bank goals. Cites numerous cases of misguided bank-backed enterprises. 1996.

Why Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences RC 44720
by Edward Tenner
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Explores some unanticipated consequences of technology in medicine, environmental control, sports, and the computerized office. Cites "revenge effects" that defeat the value of complex technical applications, such as disease-resistant organisms and sports equipment that encourages riskier play. 1996.

You Don't Have to Suffer: A Complete Guide to Relieving Cancer Pain for Patients and Their Families RC 44721
by Susan S. Lang and Richard B. Patt
read by Margaret Strom
3 cassettes
A manual for caregivers on managing the discomfort experienced by cancer patients. Maintains that untreated pain not only is inhumane but also undermines the recovery process. Discusses cancer pain, medications, and relief techniques, and steps for providing proper physical and psychological patient care. 1994.

A Spy for All Seasons: My Life in the CIA RC 44732
by Duane R. Clarridge
read by John Stratton
4 cassettes
A former CIA chief and undercover agent recounts his exploits during thirty years of service in Turkey, Iraq, India, and Italy; his frustrating attempts to recruit foreign agents during the cold war; and his role in the Iran-Contra scandal that led to his resignation and a presidential pardon in 1992. 1997.

Virginia's General: Robert E. Lee and the Civil War RC 44734
by Albert Marrin
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
This companion to *Unconditional Surrender (RC 42401)* chronicles the life and Civil War exploits of Robert E. Lee. Vividly recounts the major battles of the war and depicts General Lee's brilliant leadership and dogged perseverance, even in the face of his army's inevitable defeat. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Pierre Franey's Cooking in France RC 44742
by Pierre Franey and Richard Flaste
read by Frank Coffee
2 cassettes
A gastronomic tour of France, including interviews with farmers, vintners, and chefs in the various provinces. Discusses the culinary specialties and traditional cuisines of each region and offers selected recipes. Companion book to the public television series of the same name. 1994.

The Middle East: A Brief History of the Last 2,000 Years RC 44743
by Bernard Lewis
read by Ken Kliban
4 cassettes
A perspective on historical transformations of the Middle East over twenty centuries. Chronicles the cultural and economic influences of Christianity, Islam, and other forces, as well as the "rapid and enforced change" brought about by modern Western technology. 1995.

Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths RC 44744
by Karen Armstrong
read by Ralph Lowenstein
4 cassettes
This companion to *History of God (RC 38536)* explores the history of Jerusalem as a holy city for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Examines the myth and symbolism of a transcendent "sacred place" where believers can reconcile with God. Laments the absence of charity and social justice in the city's tumultuous past. 1996.

The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men against the Sea RC 44751
by Sebastian Junger
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Recounts the 1991 loss at sea of the New England fishing boat *Andrea Gail* in a so-called "perfect storm" that resulted from the explosive convergence of several high-energy weather fronts. Depicts a fisherman's harsh life and gives a likely account of the vessel's final hour before sinking. Vividly portrays failed rescue efforts and people drowning. Bestseller 1997.

Troublemaker: One Man's Crusade against China's Cruelty RC 44813
by Harry Wu
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
After enduring nineteen years as a prisoner in a Chinese labor camp, American citizen Harry Wu returned to China covertly to document the widespread human rights abuses there. The noted dissident recounts those perilous trips, details his arrest and trial, and reveals the extent of human exploitation in China. 1996.

Martha Stewart—Just Desserts: The Unauthorized Biography RC 44818
by Jerry Oppenheimer
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
To recount Martha Stewart's life and her rise to fame, the author interviewed more than four hundred family members, friends, confidants, and business associates. He discusses Stewart's disturbing childhood; her stormy marriage and divorce; and her career as author, TV personality, and spokeswoman for Kmart. Bestseller 1997.

Into the Storm: A Study in Command RC 44821
by Tom Clancy and Fred Franks
read by John Rayburn
5 cassettes
A study of modern military leadership as seen through the eyes of retired army general Fred Franks, who served in the Vietnam and Gulf wars. Discusses the theory, strategy, and doctrines of war. Chronicles the battles that led to the American military success over Iraq in 1991. Bestseller 1997.

Conflicting Accounts: The Creation and Crash of the Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Empire RC 44822
by Kevin Goldman
read by John Rayburn
3 cassettes
Traces the meteoric rise of Saatchi & Saatchi Co., under brothers Charles and Maurice, to become the world's largest advertising agency. Recounts the setbacks that befell the firm in the late 1980s and the bitter internecine conflicts that resulted in the brothers' leaving to establish a rival company. 1997.

Underboss: Sammy the Bull Gravano's Story of Life in the Mafia RC 44837
by Peter Maas
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Memoir of life inside the Cosa Nostra by the highest-ranking Mafia defector thus far in history. Traces his mob career as a hit man, underboss for the powerful Gambino family, and, ultimately, the government witness whose testimony put "Teflon Don" John Gotti in prison for life. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Diana: Her True Story—in Her Own Words RC 44842
by Andrew Morton
read by Lisette Lecat
3 cassettes
Morton covers the life of Diana, princess of Wales, from early childhood to her death in 1997. He includes her responses to questions he submitted to her in 1991 and 1992 and asserts that her answers show that she felt trapped and powerless within the royal family. 1997.

Under the Tuscan Sun: At Home in Italy RC 44847
by Frances Mayes
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
American writer Frances Mayes finds a new lifestyle when she and her companion Ed purchase a large, abandoned country home in Tuscany. The restoration of the house and garden fraught with problems but also provides many pleasures. Mayes enjoys the flowers, the freshly grown vegetables, the cooking, and the quiet pace of sunny Tuscan summers. Bestseller 1996.

Seven Years in Tibet RC 44850
by Heinrich Harrer
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
Harrer recalls how in 1943 he escaped from a British internment camp in India and, after an arduous journey, arrived on foot in Lhasa, the holy capital of Tibet. He was granted refuge and later became a tutor to the Dalai Lama. In late 1950, the Chinese invasion of Tibet forced Harrer to leave Lhasa, which had become his spiritual home. Bestseller 1953.

Hanson: MMMBop to the Top RC 44851
by Jill Matthews
read by Mimi Black
1 cassette
In this unauthorized biography, the author discusses the rise to fame of the musical group Hanson. Three teenage brothers, Isaac, Taylor, and Zachary Hanson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, became the rage of the 1990s' pop-music scene. The book describes their family life and their five-year climb to success. Bestseller 1997.

Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories That Heal
RC 44852
by Rachel Naomi Remen
read by Camille McCurty Ali
2 cassettes
Remen recalls times when relatives and friends shared wisdom as they sat around the kitchen table and swapped stories. In this tradition, she has selected the most meaningful stories from her thirty-five years of medical practice as a source of healing and inspiration. Bestseller 1996.

Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution
RC 44854
by Robert C. Atkins
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
Proposes a holistic approach to weight loss through altering the body's metabolism with a regimen high in proteins and low in carbohydrates. Outlines a four-stage program using diet, exercise, and vitamin therapy to combat obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and other health problems. Bestseller 1992.

Dogs Never Lie about Love: Reflections on the Emotional World of Dogs
RC 44856
by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson
read by Lewis Grenville
2 cassettes
A psychoanalyst attempts to explore the mind and heart of the dog. Delves into questions about emotions in dogs, offering evidence of canine love, loyalty, dignity, fear, and loneliness. Recounts true stories that support the author's beliefs about the affective lives of dogs. Bestseller 1997.

Knotted Tongues: Stuttering in History and the Quest for a Cure RC 44866
by Benson Bobrick
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Offers perspectives and insights into stuttering, a disorder that affects one percent of people. Traces the medical history of this condition, discussing proposed causes and treatments through the centuries. Provides cases of noted stutterers, such as Moses, Lewis Carroll, Winston Churchill, and Marilyn Monroe. 1995.

Wystan and Chester: A Personal Memoir of W.H. Auden and Chester Kallman
RC 44867
by Thekla Clark
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
Double portrait of the English poet, W.H. Auden, and his American lover, Chester Kallman. Thekla Clark recalls her many visits to the homes the two men shared in Italy and Austria and sheds light on their difficult relationship. The young American widow met Auden and Kallman in 1951 and formed a friendship lasting until Auden's death in 1973. 1995.

The Bible Code RC 44896
by Michael Drosnin
read by Ken Kliban
2 cassettes
An investigative reporter's account of the discovery of an ancient code, embedded in the Bible, that some believe predicts the future. Drosnin claims the code foretold World War II and the Kennedy assassinations, and that it foretells global calamities in the twenty-first century. Bestseller 1997.

The Gift of Fear: Survival Signals That Protect Us from Violence RC 44931
by Gavin de Becker
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
A noted expert on the "prediction and management of violence" examines the elements and stages of violent situations. Discusses a variety of common threats to physical safety, arguing that people can often discern signs of danger and avoid confrontation. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Citizen Soldiers: The U.S. Army from the Normandy Beaches to the Bulge to the Surrender of Germany; June 7, 1944, to May 7, 1945 RC 45003
by Stephen E. Ambrose
read by Jake Williams
4 cassettes
An eleven-month World War II chronicle spanning the period from D-Day to Germany's surrender on May 7, 1945. Using firsthand accounts of combat soldiers, the author depicts the valor and determination of Allied forces who advanced and prevailed in the face of harsh adversities. Sequel to *D-Day (RC 38858)*. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive RC 45004
by Dave Pelzer
read by David Elias
1 cassette
A man recounts the years of torture and starvation that he experienced as a child at the hands of his alcoholic mother. Chronicles the incidents of maltreatment, his ultimate rescue from the abusive home, and his recovery. Violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. Bestseller 1995.

Marcus: The Autobiography of Marcus Allen RC 45014
by Marcus Allen
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Marcus Allen, a Heisman Trophy winner, describes his childhood and college days in southern California before eventually playing pro football for the Oakland Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs. Allen also discusses the business of professional sports and his relationship with O.J. and Nicole Simpson. Bestseller 1997.

Tears of Rage: From Grieving Father to Crusader for Justice, the Untold Story of the Adam Walsh Case RC 45026
by John Walsh
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes
The host of TV's *America's Most Wanted* show reveals the ghastly killing that devastated his family and inspired his crusade against crime. He recounts the discovery of his young son's severed head, the flawed police investigation, and his unrelenting struggle for justice. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Ten Stupid Things Men Do to Mess Up Their Lives RC 45028
by Laura Schlessinger
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
A popular radio host identifies common male behavior that can be harmful to a man's well-being. Discusses such issues as chivalry, ambition, sex, and marriage, citing real-life experiences of the author's male radio listeners. Advises men how to avoid messing up their lives. Bestseller 1997.

Giving the Love That Heals: A Guide for Parents RC 45029
by Harville Hendrix and Helen Hunt
read by Mary Kane
3 cassettes
Harville Hendrix and his wife Helen Hunt, both therapists, offer parents ways to connect emotionally with their children. They point out that poor parenting is passed down from generation to generation. Using the exercises in the book, the authors say, parents can learn to break the cycle of dysfunction. Bestseller 1997.

A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World: A Life in Hollywood RC 45031
by Stanley Kramer
read by Terence Aselford
2 cassettes
In his autobiography Stanley Kramer, Hollywood film producer and director, discusses his work and being nominated for eighty-five Academy Awards. Reviewing more than sixty years in the business, Kramer highlights his career, the actors he has worked with, and the movies he has made. Bestseller 1997.

Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith RC 45032
by Aerosmith
read by Christopher Walker
4 cassettes
The rock band Aerosmith has been together for twenty-seven years with the same five members. The musicians recount their beginnings, subsequent tours, and trials, including drug abuse and divorces. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Babyhood RC 45062
by Paul Reiser
read by Jamie Horton
1 cassette
Producer and actor in the television sitcom *Mad about You* discusses impending parenthood, his trials and errors of being a new dad, and the little things that make it all worthwhile. Reiser previously discussed relationships in *Couplehood (RC 39622)*. Bestseller 1997.

Making Faces: Using Forensic and Archaeological Evidence RC 45107
by John Prag and Richard Neave
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
Discusses the science and techniques used in reconstructing the faces of historical persons from their skulls. Recounts how the visages of King Midas, King Philip II of Macedon, and others were reproduced. Describes how dentistry, genetics, radiology, and other disciplines are involved. Bestseller 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

The Strange Proposal RC 40954
by Grace Livingston Hill
read by Jeanne Evans
2 cassettes (Reissue)
John Saxon takes time off from his medical studies to be best man for Jeff Wainwright's wedding. During the ceremony, John falls in love at first sight with the maid of honor, whom he has been told is Helen Foster, a good Christian woman. He blurts out a proposal to her before leaving. Once on the train, John looks at the card she gave him and realizes there had been a substitution: the girl he fell for is Jeff's cousin, heiress Mary Elizabeth Wainwright. 1935.

The Last Lawmen RC 40977
by Jack Cummings
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Two Arizona Rangers strive to tame the lawless frontier in 1903. Rangers Wes Barnes and Jake Kenton, uneasy partners with conflicting views on the use of deadly force, separate and become enemies. Wild chases and gun battles ensue. 1994.

A Piece of Justice RC 41567
by Jill Paton Walsh
read by June Carter
2 cassettes
Cambridge University nurse Imogen Quy, from *The Wyndham Case (RC 38919)*, becomes involved in another mystery. Her lodger, student Fran Bullion, has been asked to write a biography of a Cambridge mathematician, Gideon Summerfield. Although Summerfield appears to have been a bit of a bore, each of his previous biographers has mysteriously died or disappeared. Imogen's own project, quilt-making, provides an intriguing clue. 1995.

The Carousel RC 41818
by Rosamunde Pilcher
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
A contemporary romance set in a seaside town in Cornwall. While visiting a beloved aunt, Prue falls in love with the most interesting man she's ever met, an unpredictable artist named Daniel who sowed considerable wild oats in his youth. Prue also forms an attachment to a poor little rich girl who, she learns to her astonishment, is one of Daniel's offspring. 1982.

Spite Fences RC 41946
by Trudy Krisher
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Maggie Pugh, thirteen, lives in Kinship, Georgia, where in 1960 there are racially segregated parks, lunch counters, and bathrooms. Maggie is good friends with Zeke, a black man who peddles goods in Kinship. When Zeke is brutally beaten, life changes dramatically for Maggie, who is no stranger to abuse. She uses the camera given her by Zeke to record the truth. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

RL's Dream RC 41947
by Walter Mosley
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
Old bluesman Soupspoon has had a lifetime of pain. He grew up in the Jim Crow South, has now been evicted from his New York apartment, and has cancer. His free-spirited neighbor, Kiki, who has her own pain, takes him in and a relationship of compassion and caring begins. As Soupspoon gets stronger, he tells his story in the music and words of blues greats, starting with R.L. Johnson. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

***The Ballad of the Sad Café* and Other Stories RC 41948**
by Carson McCullers
read by Barbara Rappaport
1 cassette
Collection of short stories about human relationships by the Southern author. The title novella relates the story of a café that enlivens a small town and of a stranger who brings love. The other selections include "Wunderkind," "The Jockey," "Madame Zilensky and the

King of Finland," "The Sojourner," "A Domestic Dilemma," and "A Tree - a Rock - a Cloud." 1951.

***Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories* and Other Disasters RC 41950**
by Jean Shepherd
read by Michael Kramer
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Shepherd recalls humorous episodes about growing up in the northern Indiana steel town of Hohman. When the hillbilly Bumpus family and their 745 dogs move in next door, a stolen Easter ham results in a Shepherd-Bumpus feud. Later, spiffed-up Jean with his seven-pound pompadour goes on a disastrous date with a wealthy classmate. But he manages to top that with a drunken junior prom fiasco. Strong language. 1971.

Farewell, My Lovely RC 41976
by Raymond Chandler
read by Conrad Feininger
2 cassettes
Los Angeles in the 1930s. A redheaded warbler named Velma is the only connection hard-boiled investigator Philip Marlowe has to Moose Malloy. Malloy is six feet five inches tall, about as wide as a beer truck, and wanted for murder. The trail to Malloy is strewn with cops and dames and leads right through the gambling rackets. Violence and strong language. 1940.

Missing Angel Juan RC 41977
by Francesca Lia Block
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
2 cassettes
Suddenly Angel Juan is leaving for New York to find his own music. He doesn't want Witch Baby to write his songs, and she is afraid he doesn't want her around at all. But he is her soul mate, and she goes to dark, dangerous New York to find him. There the spirit of Charlie Bat helps her to learn about holding on and holding within. Sequel to *Cherokee Bat and the Goat Guys (RC 37032)*. Some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1993.

The Book of Daniel RC 41978
by E.L. Doctorow
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Paralleling the real-life story of the Rosenberg espionage case, this novel tells of a young man whose parents are executed during the cold war for conspiring to steal atomic secrets for Russia. He portrays the Isaacson family before, during, and after his parents' arrest, trial, and execution. Some strong language. 1971.

Apprentice to the Sea: A Tom Chatto Adventure RC 41979
by Philip McCutchan
read by John Lescault
2 cassettes
McCutchan begins a series with this account of Tom Chatto, almost seventeen and fresh from West Ireland, who signs on as an apprentice aboard the *Pass of Drumochter*. On his first trip to sea, Tom must deal with an aging but fair captain, a brutal first mate, and a stowaway who proves to be a murderer. He also quickly learns the value of what is termed "jodurecom"—job, duty, responsibility, and command. 1994.

Mirrorshades: The Cyberpunk Anthology RC 42197
edited by Bruce Sterling
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Twelve stories of Cyberpunk science fiction, a genre that mixes high-tech sci-

ence with streetwise pop culture to create nightmarish futures. Includes "The Gernsback Continuum" by William Gibson, "Snake-Eyes" by Tom Maddox, "Rock On" by Pat Cadigan, "Petra" by Greg Bear, and "Mozart in Mirrorshades" by Bruce Sterling and Lewis Shiner. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1986.

Dance of Death RC 43224
by P.N. Elrod
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Death Masque (RC 43223)*, Jonathan Barrett has grown used to his abilities and needs as a vampire. Now he finds a most engaging four-year-old boy who is his image—and his own son. When his enemies try to use his affection for the lad against him, Jonathan invokes his immortal powers. Descriptions of sex. 1996.

Cold Light RC 43515
by John Harvey
read by Steven Crossley
2 cassettes
Detective Charlie Resnick is harried with the usual Christmas crime wave, when a social worker is reported missing. The evidence points to a psychopathic kidnapper, and Resnick is off on a race against time to find the victim. A British police procedural. Strong language. 1994.

Short Stories RC 43646
by Langston Hughes
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
Forty-seven short stories by the noted African American author originally written between 1919 and 1963. The tales, arranged in chronological order, include those previously uncollected, such as his first stories (written while in high school) and other early works published in African American journals. Some strong language. 1996.

Out of the Shelter RC 43687
by David Lodge
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
A coming-of-age story based on the author's teen years during and after World War II. Having survived bombing and privation in wartime Britain, he stays with his older sister in American-occupied Germany, where he experiences a world of abundance and glamor that changes him forever. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1985.

Somewhere East of Life RC 43855
by Brian Aldiss
read by Andrew Seear
4 cassettes
British architectural expert Roy Burnell, whose work takes him around the world, is vacationing in Budapest. Rogue neurosurgeons steal part of his memory and sell choice bits on the black market, where experiencing other people's lives is the latest entertainment craze. Burnell seeks to recover his memory. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Lions of Al-Rassan RC 43861
by Guy Gavriel Kay
read by Ed Blake
4 cassettes
In a tale evocative of medieval Spain, two exiled military leaders of rival religious kingdoms become allies and friends. A woman doctor falls in love with both men. When political events pit the two warriors against each other, love and loyalty is tested in a climactic

holy war. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1995.

All the Winters That Have Been RC 43884
by Evan Maxwell
read by Jeff Baker
1 cassette
Dane Corvin returns to the Pacific Northwest to tend his dying uncle and to resolve the rift that separated him from his lover, Helen Raven, twenty years ago. In a bittersweet reunion, Helen reveals that Dane is the father of her son. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Dreams of Eagles RC 44012
by William W. Johnstone
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Eyes of Eagles (RC 44011)*, Jamie MacCallister and his wife settle with friends on virgin Colorado land in 1837. The pioneers face privation and the dangers of an untamed West as they struggle to survive and to forge a life on the plains. Strong language and violence. 1994.

The Complete Short Stories of Mark Twain RC 44119
by Mark Twain
read by L.J. Ganser
6 cassettes (Reissue)
Sixty stories filled with folklore and wit that span Twain's entire writing career and are arranged chronologically by publishing date from 1865 through 1916. Some entries, like "The Trials of Simon Erikson" and four other stories from *Roughing It (RC 12437)*, are fictional yarns extracted from nonfiction works. Includes an introduction by editor Charles Neider. 1957.

Watery Grave RC 44124
by Bruce Alexander
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
In 1767 Josiah Markham, captain of a British frigate, falls overboard and drowns in the Indian Ocean. When the ship returns to England, the acting captain accuses another officer of murdering Markham. Blind magistrate Sir John Fielding probes the matter. 1996.

Charity RC 44125
by Len Deighton
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
This sequel to *Hope (RC 44118)* finds British agent Bernard Samson inquiring into the mysterious death of his sister-in-law, which occurred at the time his spy-wife was brought back from East Germany. Samson overcomes official resistance to his inquiry and uncovers a plot that causes him to doubt the system he serves. 1996.

A Regular Guy RC 44127
by Mona Simpson
read by Barbara Caruso
3 cassettes
When Tom and Mary Owens decide to split, Mary takes daughter Jane to a commune, while Tom strikes it rich in biotechnology. At the age of ten, Jane is dispatched to live with her wealthy dad. Then Tom's fortunes fail, and he comes to a new understanding of love and family. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1996.

Vegas Heat RC 44138
by Fern Michaels
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
The story of the Thornton family continues in 1980 as Fanny Thornton, di-

vorced from Ash, marries his twin, Simon. But Fanny's life remains in turmoil, as her marriage to Simon estranges her from the rest of her family. She also finds herself struggling to save Babylon when Ash becomes fatally ill. Sequel to *Vegas Rich (RC 44137)*. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The Persian Boy RC 44166
by Mary Renault
read by David Hartley-Margolin
4 cassettes (Reissue)
A beautiful slave boy is given as a peace offering by the Persian king to Alexander the Great, and their meeting develops into a love that lasts until Alexander's death. Descriptions of sex and some violence. 1972.

A Light in the Window: The Mitford Years, Volume 2 RC 44195
by Jan Karon
read by Gary Tipton
3 cassettes
Father Tim has returned from his two-month visit to Ireland and finds much in the Southern village of Mitford the same. His neighbor Cynthia still has a special place in his heart, but he just can't seem to commit himself to her. And a wealthy widow is chasing after him. Sequel to *At Home in Mitford (RC 44194)*. 1995.

These High, Green Hills: The Mitford Years, Volume 3 RC 44196
by Jan Karon
read by Gary Tipton
3 cassettes
Now married, Father Tim and Cynthia are settling down in the rectory. Cynthia's cottage next door will be kept for her work and private retreats. In the Southern village of Mitford, life goes on. Dooley adjusts to prep school, Father Tim's housekeeper has twins, and Emma's clerical skills prove enormous. Sequel to *A Light in the Window (RC 44195)*. 1996.

Tales of the South Pacific RC 44249
by James A. Michener
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Nineteen World War II tales that won the Pulitzer Prize. They describe the strain and the boredom, the careful planning and heroic action, the color and beauty of the islands, and all that made up life during the critical days of the war in the Pacific. Strong language. 1947.

Love's Silent Song: Love Is a Gentle Stranger, Volume 2 RC 44256
by June Master Bacher
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
Following their double wedding, Chris Beth and Joe and Vangie and Wilson wonder what the future holds. Can their small community support a minister, or will the families be separated? As they pray for guidance, they must also endure several plagues that strike their town. Sequel to *Love Is a Gentle Stranger (RC 44252)*. 1983.

Mortal Fear RC 44276
by Greg Iles
read by Christopher Walker
4 cassettes
When author Karin Wheat is murdered, Harper Cole calls the police. Karin was a participant in the sexually explicit online service that Harper helps operate. He suspects that four other clients who mysteriously stopped participating may also have met gruesome ends. And he thinks he knows who did it. Strong lan-

guage, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Discovery of Heaven RC 44282
by Harry Mulisch
read by Christopher Hurt
5 cassettes
A philosophical tale that traces the lives and thoughts of two improbable friends, astronomer Max and linguist Onno, over thirty years. The son that Max fathers with Onno's wife is actually God's emissary, who is sent into the world to recover the tablets bearing the Ten Commandments after God's contract with man has failed. Strong language. 1996.

The Echo RC 44313
by Minette Walters
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
2 cassettes
Wealthy architect Amanda Powell discovers that homeless Billy Blake has died in her garage. Journalist Michael Deacon is puzzled by Powell's interest in Blake, especially after learning her husband has been missing for five years. He teams up with an odd colleague and with a friend of Blake's to find out more about the man. Some strong language. 1997.

That Hideous Strength RC 44320
by C.S. Lewis
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes (Reissue)
This sequel to *Perelandra (RC 23329)* finds rival professors Ransom and Weston at Bracton College, as members of an evil technocratic society are planning to "recondition" mankind with the aid of the resurrected wizard Merlin. Ransom leads an opposition group in a climactic clash with the forces of evil. 1945.

Postern of Fate RC 44323
by Agatha Christie
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, new residents of a charming old dream house, find a chilling message about the murder of a former resident stuck in a book. The solution to the ancient crime lies behind a dreaded gate known as the Postern of Fate. Bestseller 1973.

The Dreadful Lemon Sky RC 44341
by John D. MacDonald
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Soon after Travis McGee's old friend Carrie Milligan entrusts him with an unexplained bag of cash, she dies suspiciously. When McGee sets out to find the truth about the money and Carrie's death, he is led into a sordid world of blackmail, corruption, and personal peril. Includes new introduction by Carl Hiassen to this 1974 mystery. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Shadow Man RC 44369
by John Katzenbach
read by Gregory Gorton
3 cassettes
When his neighbor, a Holocaust survivor, is found murdered, retired Miami detective Simon Winter joins the investigation and tracks the elusive Shadow Man, who betrayed his own people during the war and now stalks them in their retirement. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Hiwassee: A Novel of the Civil War
RC 44371
by Charles F. Price
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
A North Carolina mountain family struggles against marauding bands of Yankee partisans who run amok in the Civil War South. While the parents and daughters defend their homestead and harbor a battle-wounded son, his brothers are away fighting to preserve the waning Confederacy. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Jazz RC 44374
by Toni Morrison
read by Camille McCurty Ali
2 cassettes
Joe, a middle-aged salesman, kills his teenaged mistress. His wife goes berserk at the funeral and attempts to mutilate the corpse. Against the steady pulse of Harlem in the 1920s, the storyteller improvises on the passionate and tragic themes of these three characters. Past and present voices, like jazz, share the spotlight and fade out. Some strong language. Bestseller 1992.

Middle Son RC 44379
by Deborah Iida
read by Robert Sams
2 cassettes
The story of a Japanese family with three sons on a Hawaiian sugar plantation. The youngest son is given to childless relatives and the eldest boy drowns, leaving their mother distraught. As his mother lies dying, the middle son reveals the truth of his brother's death and the tragic consequences of custom and tradition. 1996.

Last Comes the Egg RC 44380
by Bruce Duffy
read by Steven Carpenter
3 cassettes
After his mother's sudden death, twelve-year-old Frank Dougherty seeks from friends the intimacy that he lacks with his troubled father. With two other boys, Frank heads south in a stolen car on a coming-of-age quest that involves sex and danger. Strong language. 1997.

Winds of Fate: The Mage Winds, Book 1
RC 44392
by Mercedes Lackey
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
Lackey returns to her kingdom of Valdemar with this account of Herald Elspeth's search for a mage who can teach her both to use and to deflect the power of magic in order to save her country from Ancar of Hardorn. Prequel to *Winds of Change (RC 44393)*. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

A Book of Common Prayer RC 44419
by Joan Didion
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
A contemporary American woman who has survived two disastrous marriages becomes caught in the inner conflicts of the aristocracy of a Central American country. Some strong language. 1977.

Absolutely, Positively RC 44426
by Jayne Ann Krentz
read by Nanette Savard
2 cassettes
Molly Abberwick, sole trustee of a foundation that supports inventors, hires Harry Trevelyan as a consultant. Molly is on the verge of firing him when he shocks her by suggesting they have

an affair. Considering her options, she finds that Harry is not as unreasonable as he appears. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Whispers of Moonlight: Rocky Mountain Memories, Book 2 RC 44429
by Lori Wick
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Where the Wild Rose Blooms (RC 44430)*, Jackie Fontaine's marriage to Clayton Taggart brings them into contact with Travis Buchanan, a good friend of Jackie's brother-in-law, Robert Langley. Travis is a very troubled man who married his boss's daughter, only to have her disappear a week after the wedding. 1996.

Where the Wild Rose Blooms: Rocky Mountain Memories, Book 1 RC 44430
by Lori Wick
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Morgan Fontaine, his wife, and his five daughters move to Colorado to go into business with his brother. They quickly settle into the community and the eldest daughter marries. But her sister Jackie finds herself at odds with young Clayton Taggart. Resolving their differences, they eventually plan to marry until an accident intervenes. Prequel to *Whispers of Moonlight (RC 44429)*. 1996.

Unfinished Cathedral RC 44433
by T.S. Stribling
read by Ilona Dulaski
3 cassettes
Sequel to *The Store (RC 43211)*. Amidst a backdrop of rising prosperity for the emerging middle class of the 1920s, Jerry Catlin, a Methodist minister and nephew of Colonel Miltiades Vaiden, struggles to create a cathedral in the town of Florence, Alabama. Strong language. 1934.

Three to Get Deadly RC 44434
by Janet Evanovich
read by Dani Carr
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Two for the Dough (RC 42474)*, bounty hunter Stephanie Plum is dismayed to be assigned to pick up a neighborhood favorite, candy store owner Mo Bedemier. Mo was arrested for "carrying concealed." Although this crime is common in Trenton, Mo has gone into hiding. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Lonely Lady RC 44451
by Harold Robbins
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Relates the life of JeriLee Randall, a small-town girl, from child to woman and from actress to bestselling author. An early marriage to a brilliant older playwright fails, but JeriLee finds success through perseverance and determination. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1976.

Barking at a Fox-Fur Coat RC 44471
by Donald Davis
read by Robert Sams
2 cassettes
A noted storyteller shares seventeen homespun yarns from rural North Carolina. Blending oral tradition and creative fiction, the stories recount the humorous antics of crafty Uncle Frank, a master of practical jokes and tall tales. 1990.

Let Us Prey RC 44472
by Dorothy Eden
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
Antonia Webb thought she was going to New Zealand to celebrate the wedding of her cousin Simon Mildmay to Iris Matthews and to gain her small inheritance from their Aunt Laura. But before she completes her journey, Antonia begins receiving strange messages, and even more bizarre things happen when she reaches her destination. 1952.

Summit RC 44517
by D.M. Thomas
read by John Horton
1 cassette
An adult fairy tale intended as a satirical coda to *Ararat (RC 19387)*, *Swallow (RC 38668)*, and *Sphinx (RC 44511)*. A summit conference is the setting for a meeting between the Soviet premier and an ailing actor who has become president of the United States. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1987.

Cain His Brother RC 44539
by Anne Perry
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
Genevieve Stonefield, whose kind and considerate husband of fourteen years has disappeared, believes that his violent and outcast twin has murdered him. She has come to William Monk for help. But in searching out clues, Victorian detective Monk almost destroys his own name and reputation. 1995.

Danger Zones RC 44540
by Sally Beauman
read by Madelyn Buzzard
4 cassettes
The disappearance of two teenage girls in rural England prompts reporter Rowland McGuire to investigate. His probe leads him into the sordid world of high fashion to uncover a drug conspiracy involving the world's premier couturier. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

White Widow RC 44546
by Jim Lehrer
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
When Trailways driver Jack Oliver is recognized as a master operator for his career performance, he savors his life's success. Then he becomes obsessed with a mysterious passenger, a beautiful "white widow," who drives him to distraction and eventually to disaster. Strong language. 1996.

Indian Killer RC 44550
by Sherman Alexie
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Adopted as an infant by white parents, John Smith grows up dispossessed of his Native American heritage and identity. When an elusive serial killer stalks and scalps white men around Seattle, the focus falls on Smith as a prime suspect. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Cleopatra Gold RC 44555
by William J. Caunitz
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Alejandro Monahan is an undercover cop working as a nightclub singer. His father was killed several years ago by the Cleopatra drug network, and since then Monahan has worked his way into the syndicate so he can avenge his father's death. When three cops are killed, Monahan swings into action, unaware that narcotics has also sent in a female under-

cover cop. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

Jackson RC 44557
by Max Byrd
read by Jack Fox
3 cassettes
A fictional portrayal of the political life and times of Andrew Jackson. In 1828 President Jackson's political adversaries commission David Chase to write a biography aimed at damaging Jackson's reelection prospects. Chase experiences a crisis of conscience as sensitive facts emerge. Strong language. 1997.

The Man Who Loved Children RC 44559
by Christina Stead
read by Mitzi Friedlander
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Classic story of hypocrisy and evil that probes human nature. Egocentric Sam Pollit, a government scientist; his careworn second wife, Henny; and six children are the characters in this family tragedy. Originally published in 1940. 1995.

The Death of an Ardent Bibliophile RC 44570
by Bartholomew Gill
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
When the curator of prestigious Marsh's Library is found naked and dead among his books, detective Peter McGarr investigates. In the course of his probe, McGarr discovers a bizarre world of literary pornography, avarice, and murder. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Winter of Fire RC 44571
by Sherryl Jordan
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
On a cold, sunless world, Elsha grows up a child of the Quelled, a race of slaves ruled over by the Chosen. But Elsha has strange visions and a strength of spirit that set her apart from the others, and she becomes the key to the future survival of her people and her planet. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1992.

Nebula Awards 31: SFWA's Choices for the Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year RC 44618
edited by Pamela Sargent
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Includes the 1995 Nebula Award winners for novella, novelette, and short story as well as some of the runner-ups. Also includes memorials to John Brunner and Roger Zelazny, a tribute to A.E. Van Vogt, the Rhysling Award winners for poetry, and a list of films. General information on the Nebula Awards is given in articles, essays, and appendixes. Some strong language. 1997.

Carnival of Saints RC 44620
by George Herman
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
In 1502 Renaissance Italy, a mysterious vagabond and an aging prostitute form a motley troupe of itinerant actors. As their satirical plays are cheered by the masses, the players find themselves increasingly imperiled by intrigues of church and state. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1994.

Orion RC 44641
by Ben Bova
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
John O'Ryan saves a beautiful woman from a terrorist's bomb in a Manhattan restaurant. Thus he begins an extraordinary adventure to combat the great enemy of humankind, an adventure that takes him through time and space from the Stone Age of the Neanderthals to a future Earth on the brink of nuclear annihilation. Prequel to *Vengeance of Orion (RC 44642)*. Violence and some strong language. 1984.

Sailing Bright Eternity RC 44648
by Gregory Benford
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
Nigel Walmsley of the twentieth century meets Toby Bishop and the last remnants of humanity in a far-future space-time shelter at the galactic center. Here they prepare for the final battle with the implacable mechs, who are determined to obliterate all traces of humankind. Sequel to *Furious Gulf (RC 42137)*. 1995.

The Morrow Anthology of Great Western Short Stories RC 44649
edited by Jon Tuska and Vicki Piekarski
read by Roy Avers
5 cassettes
This collection of twenty-eight western short stories from the 1920s–1990s includes works by renowned writers such as Zane Grey, Max Brand, Conrad Richter, Alan LeMay, and Cherry Wilson, as well as contemporary tales by Richard Wheeler, Ernest Haycox, and Cynthia Haseloff. Some strong language. 1997.

Yon Ill Wind RC 44655
by Piers Anthony
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
Wanting to become the top demon of his realm, Xanth accepts a wager with unusual restrictions. Now called Nimby and with the body of a dragon and the head of an ass, he must remain incognito, speak only once, remain with the first creature he meets, and make that creature shed one tear. His task is complicated when a hurricane blows a human family into his realm. 1996.

Blind Spot RC 44660
by Adam Barrow
read by Barry Bernson
2 cassettes
Marshall Quinn is dozing at the Chicago planetarium when his three-year-old son, Jeff, is snatched from the seat beside him. As the kidnappers complete an "adoption" with an unsuspecting couple, Marshall gives up on police help and frantically searches for the boy himself. Strong language and some violence. 1997.

Sweet Awakening RC 44662
by Marjorie Farrell
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Lord Giles Whitton and his twin, Lady Sabrina, first met Lady Clare Dysart when they were thirteen and Clare was ten. Now, eight years later, everyone expects Giles and Clare to marry, but having received no declaration of love from Giles, Clare marries Lord Justin Rainsborough. Justin soon reveals a violent side. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Father and Son RC 44664
by Larry Brown
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
After serving a prison term for homicide, Glen Davis returns to his Mississippi hometown looking to settle some old wrongs. When Davis finds that his girlfriend has taken up with the sheriff who sent him to prison, Davis commits a vile act of revenge that turns fatal. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Imagine Love RC 44666
by Katherine Stone
read by Sharon Murray
4 cassettes
Cole and Claire are singing partners who dream of a life together, but the brutal death of Cole's father drives Cole away. When Cole—now famous—returns home twelve years later, he finds he still cares for Claire and invites her to London. There they become involved in a bizarre murder plot involving Claire's former pen pal. Strong language. 1996.

The Case of the Hesitant Hostess RC 44668
by Earl Stanley Gardner
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Perry Mason agrees to defend penniless ex-salesman Albert Brogan against a charge of armed robbery. But at the last minute, Perry's star witness, nightclub hostess Inez Kaylor, fails to appear. To make matters worse, an additional accusation of murder is levelled against his client. A Perry Mason mystery. 1953.

Long after Midnight RC 44678
by Iris Johansen
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Scientist Kate Denby is on the verge of a dramatic discovery. Noah Smith, a geneticist, is also close to a major breakthrough in his research, but needs Kate to work with him. So far Kate has refused because she wants to keep life as normal as possible for her son since her divorce. But then bombs start exploding. Strong language and some violence. 1997.

The Tangle Box RC 44690
by Terry Brooks
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
Ben Holiday, sovereign of the Magic Kingdom of Landover, allows confidence-man Horris Kew to return from exile on Earth. But Horris has become the unwitting dupe of the evil sorcerer Gorse, who plans to enslave the fairy folk of Landover and imprison Ben and his companions in the Tangle Box. Sequel to *Wizard at Large (RC 33053)*. 1994.

The Chrysalids RC 44711
by John Wyndham
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Science fiction about fanatical survivors of an atomic war who are obsessed with weeding out all mutants in the population. The "different" ones are condemned to a hideous exile, and children are careful to hide their "differences" even from their zealous parents. First published in Great Britain in 1955. Published later in the United States under the title *Re-birth*. 1955.

Rescue RC 44739
by Jeremiah Healy
read by Nick Sullivan
2 cassettes
When Boston private eye John Cuddy stops to change a flat for a young woman and her ten-year-old companion Eddie, he makes a promise to find the boy should he ever get lost. When Cuddy later learns of the woman's murder and Eddie's disappearance, he takes up the search, which leads him to a church compound in the Florida Keys. Some strong language. 1995.

Unnatural Exposure RC 44749
by Patricia Cornwell
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Medical examiner Kay Scarpetta is puzzled by what appears to be the latest victim of a serial killer. This woman is elderly and has an unusual rash. As Scarpetta realizes in horror the disease she's dealing with, the woman's killer begins taunting Scarpetta through the Internet. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Déjà Dead RC 44763
by Kathy Reichs
read by Anne Hancock
3 cassettes
Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan detects evidence of a serial killer when she examines a woman's sexually mutilated body. Frustrated by the slow pace of the police investigation, Brennan probes the crimes on her own and becomes the target of a murderous psychopath. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Deception on His Mind RC 44764
by Elizabeth George
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
5 cassettes
British detective Sergeant Barbara Havers probes the murder of a wealthy Pakistani immigrant in a sleepy Essex resort town. As the community liaison in the ethnically sensitive case, Havers must bridge a cultural gulf to solve the complex investigation. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Fat Tuesday RC 44766
by Sandra Brown
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
Lieutenant Burke Basile knew his partner's killer would be acquitted, but he didn't expect his own life to fall apart as a result. Now all he can think about is getting back at Pinkie Duvall, the murderer's defense attorney. Pinkie has one weakness—his wife Remy, and Burke's kidnapping of Remy sets off a confrontation that ends in the middle of Mardi Gras. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Murder at the National Gallery RC 44805
by Margaret Truman
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Luther Mason, curator at the National Gallery for more than twenty years, is finally getting the Caravaggio exhibit he has dreamed of. But Luther also has other visions—he plans to keep one of the original paintings and substitute a forgery. Some violence. Bestseller 1996.

Dead in the Water RC 44806
by Stuart Woods
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
Allison Manning pilots her yacht into St. Mark's Island, claiming she had to bury her husband at sea after he had a fatal heart attack. When the minister of justice moves to convict Allison of murder, a vacationing New York lawyer comes to her defense. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Milton in America RC 44815
by Peter Ackroyd
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
"What if the outspoken seventeenth-century English poet John Milton had fled England in 1660 to avoid arrest and emigrated to Puritan America?" supposes Ackroyd. In his scenario, the aging and blind agitator establishes a settlement named New Milton, where he rules with an iron hand and wages war on a neighboring colony of Roman Catholics. 1996.

Double Helix RC 44820
by Sigmund Brouwer
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
On his way to his New Mexico home, Slater Ellis almost runs over a naked boy. Meanwhile, in Florida, Paige Stephens eavesdrops on a frightening conversation just before her husband kills himself. As Slater searches for the boy and Paige tries to understand her husband's death, they each draw closer to discovering a macabre medical research project. Violence. 1995.

Dragonseye RC 44828
by Anne McCaffrey
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
It's been over two hundred years since the deadly silver strands called Thread fell from the skies of Pern. Now a new generation of Dragonriders unite in their efforts to prepare for the next cycle of Threadfall. But one of the Lord Holders refuses to cooperate and jeopardizes the safety of all. Sequel to *The Dolphins of Pern (RC 44410)*. 1997.

Bridge of Dreams RC 44830
by Christina Skye
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Two hundred years after Gabriel Ashton died at Draycott Abbey, his body and will have been discovered, and Nicholas Draycott must handle the distribution of a case of wine. But Cathlin O'Neill, whose mother also died at Draycott Abbey, is reluctant to fulfill the terms of the will. Sequel to *Hour of the Rose (RC 41752)*. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Blown Away RC 44831
by David Wiltse
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
FBI agent John Becker is assigned to track down Spring, the man taking credit for a series of bombings in New York. Meanwhile, other New Yorkers have figured out who Spring is and want in on his demands on the city. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Missing Pieces RC 44834
by Joy Fielding
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Kate Sinclair, a family therapist, is having trouble with her own family. Her teenage daughter is running wild, her mother has Alzheimer's disease, and her half-sister JoLynn marries Colin Friendly, a serial killer convicted of murdering thirteen women. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Presence RC 44836
by John Saul
read by Dani Carr
2 cassettes
Anthropologist Katharine Sundquist brings her teenage son to Hawaii, where she plans to study some ancient hominid remains. While swimming, the boy is horribly transformed by a mysterious substance, and he becomes the unwilling subject of a biological experiment. Violence. Bestseller 1997.

Serpent's Tooth RC 44839
by Faye Kellerman
read by Richard Davidson
3 cassettes
Thirteen customers are massacred at a chic L.A. restaurant, and the killer, Harlan Manz, is among the dead. As Lt. Peter Decker investigates, forensic evidence points to a possible accomplice. Checking out Manz's previous job as a tennis pro leads Decker to an heiress with a lot to gain by her parents' deaths. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

A Virtuous Woman RC 44845
by Kaye Gibbons
read by Faith Potts
1 cassette
In alternating chapters, Jack and Ruby recount their lives and marriage. Although they come from very different backgrounds, they nonetheless have a marriage that lasts twenty-five years until Ruby dies of lung cancer. Jack continues to miss her months after her death. Some strong language. Bestseller 1989.

Kowloon Tong RC 44859
by Paul Theroux
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
In 1996 Hong Kong prepares to return to Chinese rule the next year. But middle-aged Neville Mullard and his mother cling to their British lifestyle. When a Chinese businessman offers to buy out their family's textile factory, mother and son are at odds until a tragedy causes them to realize the peril of their situation. Violence. Bestseller 1997.

Ten-lb. Penalty RC 44861
by Dick Francis
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
Eighteen-year-old Ben Juliard abandons his dream of becoming a professional jockey when he is falsely accused of drug abuse. After Ben joins the staff of his politically ambitious father, whose enemies aim to derail his promising career, the pair join forces in opposing the scandal-mongers. Bestseller 1997.

Lying on the Couch RC 44897
by Irvin D. Yalom
read by John Stratton
3 cassettes
When therapist Ernest Lash counsels a

man to end his marriage, the jilted wife blames Lash. A bright and comely lawyer, the woman becomes Lash's patient, planning to seduce him and ruin his career. Her scheme goes awry and yields unexpected results. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Mrs. Pollifax Pursued RC 44901
by Dorothy Gilman
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Henry Bidwell is kidnapped. Meanwhile, Kadi Hopkirk, chased by men in a dirty white van with a misspelled company name on it, is hiding in Mrs. Pollifax's storage closet. At first there seems to be no connection. But when Mrs. Pollifax discovers Kadi and tries to take her home, they find themselves running for their lives—because of Henry Bidwell. 1995.

Los Alamos RC 44930
by Joseph Kanon
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
Toward the end of World War II, the murder of a Manhattan Project security officer calls agent Michael Connolly to a town that doesn't officially exist. He must penetrate the closed ranks of residents to discover whether the death is related to espionage or to the victim's homosexual lifestyle. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The Poet RC 44935
by Michael Connelly
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Crime reporter Jack McEvoy decides to probe the apparent suicide of his brother, a police officer, when the official inquiry bogs down. McEvoy doggedly follows a trail of clues that leads to a vicious cop killer with a morbid penchant for poetry. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

The Best Laid Plans RC 44998
by Sidney Sheldon
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Ad executive Leslie Stewart was once engaged to a politician from Kentucky, Oliver Russell. After he jilts her, Leslie is determined to ruin Oliver's life. Becoming a publisher brings her power and wealth, so when Oliver is eventually elected president, she tries to link him to the deaths of several of his past lovers. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Son of Rosemary: The Sequel to *Rosemary's Baby* RC 44999
by Ira Levin
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
In 1999 when Rosemary wakes from a twenty-seven-year coma, her first concern is her son Andy. Now thirty-three years old, he is a spiritual leader with a worldwide following. But he was raised by the witches' coven, so Rosemary wonders how truthful Andy is. Sequel to *Rosemary's Baby (RC 17695)*. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Violin RC 45005
by Anne Rice
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
In the two days since her husband died, Triana has stayed alone in the house with his body and the solace of music. A Russian ghost, Stefan, serenades Triana with his Stradivarius violin, his music captivating her almost to madness.

Their struggle for the violin also becomes a struggle for her sanity. Bestseller 1997.

Lucky You RC 45006
by Carl Hiaasen
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
JoLayne Luck's fortune turns when she hits a multimillion-dollar lottery. Also holding the winning number are a pair of white supremacists who lose their own lucky ticket and steal JoLayne's. Desperate to realize her dream of buying an endangered turtle colony, she pursues the thieves. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Memoirs of a Geisha RC 45008
by Arthur Golden
read by Yolande Bavan
4 cassettes
A fictionalized account of the life of a typical geisha in Japan in the 1930s and 1940s. Sayuri recalls how as a nine-year-old she and her sister are sold to a geisha house as their mother lies dying. From then on Sayuri learns the traditional exotic arts for pleasing men. Bestseller 1997.

Tom Clancy's Op-Center: Acts of War RC 45009
by Tom Clancy and Steve Pieczenik
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
In a scheme to foment war involving world powers in the Middle East, Kurdish terrorists target a critical dam in Turkey. The threat is heightened when the rebels seize the high-tech regional operations center that has been keeping them under surveillance. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Driving Blind RC 45011
by Ray Bradbury
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
Seventeen new and four previously published short stories that mostly center on seemingly ordinary, everyday events. In the title story, "Driving Blind," a hooded stranger drives a new car into town, but it is a new young friend who understands what the hood really means. Bestseller 1997.

The Offer RC 45012
by Catherine Coulter
read by Barbara Caruso
2 cassettes
Fleeing her ancestral home after an attempted rape by her new brother-in-law, Lady Sabrina Eversleigh, eighteen, becomes lost in the forest during a winter blizzard. She is rescued by Phillip Mercerault, but her reputation is compromised when he takes her to an unoccupied hunting lodge. Phillip offers marriage, but Sabrina refuses for his sake. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Timequake RC 45015
by Kurt Vonnegut
read by John Stratton
1 cassette
On February 13, 2001, the universe will revert back to February 17, 1991, and everyone will relive the next ten years exactly as they did in the past. A decade later, time will again move forward, but where will that leave people who, facing new experiences, have forgotten how to think for themselves? Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

If This World Were Mine RC 45016
by E. Lynn Harris
read by Robin Miles
2 cassettes
Four black graduates of Hampton Institute continue their friendship through monthly meetings of a journal-keeping support group. For almost twenty years, Yolanda, Dwight, Leland, and Riley help each other through marriage, love, sexual identity, and work crises until the group is strained to the breaking point. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The MacGregor Brides RC 45023
by Nora Roberts
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
Daniel MacGregor, ninety years old, meddles in the love lives of his three oldest granddaughters. Impatient for great-grandchildren, MacGregor hand-picks three eligible bachelors and conspires to have them meet Laura, Gwendolyn, and Julia. The three granddaughters are, however, independent, modern women who do not appreciate Grandfather's interference. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Rosehaven RC 45024
by Catherine Coulter
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
England, 1277. Severin of Langthorne, having returned from the Holy Land to find his estate in ruin, accepts an offer to wed Hastings of Trent and become lord of her lands upon her father's death—which is imminent. Hastings, a strong-willed girl who has no desire to become obedient to a man she detests, uses her knowledge of herbal medicine to her benefit. Violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Amber Beach RC 45025
by Elizabeth Lowell
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Kyle Donovan and a shipment of amber, including a panel from the Russian czar's Amber Room, are missing. His sister, Honor, can't believe Kyle is guilty. In an effort to locate the amber and clear Kyle, Honor hires Jake Mallory. Each has a reason for finding Kyle, but trusting each other becomes difficult when romance gets in the way. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

End of the Drive RC 45059
by Louis L'Amour
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
Tales of the untamed West depicting people who face harsh tests that threaten their way of life and survival. In "Caprock Rancher," a boy comes to realize his father's courage as the two join forces to recover their neighbors' lost savings from outlaws. Violence. Bestseller 1997.

The Grilling Season RC 45060
by Diane Mott Davidson
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Goldy Schulz, the only caterer in Aspen Meadow, Colorado, gets set to cater Patricia McCracken's Stanley Cup party. But Patricia also wants Goldy's help in getting revenge against Dr. John Richard Korman—Goldy's ex-husband and Patricia's ob-gyn. When the doctor's current girlfriend is found dead, Patricia may get her wish. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Flower Net RC 45063
by Lisa See
read by Gabriella Cavallero
3 cassettes
The son of the American ambassador is found dead in Beijing, and the son of a Chinese leader is found dead in the U.S. Chinese inspector Liu Hulan and assistant U.S. attorney David Stark are assigned to investigate a possible connection. To further complicate matters, Hulan and Stark were once lovers. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Vengeance in Death RC 45064
by J.D. Robb
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In the year 2058 New York cop Eve Dallas is faced with a serial killer who appears to have some connection with Eve's billionaire Irish husband Roarke's past. As Eve chases clues that keep pointing to Roarke's servant, Roarke secretly tries to solve the case, too. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Abuse of Power RC 45108
by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg
read by Carol Dines
3 cassettes
Policewoman Rachel Simmons witnesses a boy's death as a result of another officer's abuse of authority. Simmons's decision to break the blue code of silence pits her against colleagues and makes her a target of their reprisal. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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Cassettes Nonfiction

Beatrix Potter RC 40963
by Alexandra Wallner
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
Biography of the well-known author of children's stories. Born in London in 1866, Potter spent her childhood painting and drawing animals. As an adult, she published a story she wrote for a friend's child, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit (RC 13917)*. The tiny book illustrated with her drawings was very popular then and still is today. Beatrix went on to write many other tales and moved to a farm full of animals. For grades K-3. 1995.

My Mysterious World RC 40979
by Margaret Mahy
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
The author of many children's books including the Cousins Quartet series tells of her writing career and her home in the shell of an old volcano in New Zealand, where she lives with her dog and cat next door to her daughter's family. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Brainstorm! The Stories of Twenty American Kid Inventors RC 41819
by Tom Tucker
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
A look at twenty inventions, covering more than two hundred years of history, by young people ranging in age from five to nineteen. The inventions include earmuffs, colored car wax, popsicles, flippers, resealable cereal boxes, a rotary steam engine, and a safety device to keep children from getting their fingers mashed in doors. Includes a section on how to protect your own great ideas. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II RC 41945
by Penny Colman
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Colman offers an overview of the role women played during World War II, as they left home and went to work, replacing the men fighting at the battlefront. She looks at jobs women adopted—welder, physicist, pipe fitter, farmer, bus driver, attorney, supervisor, milkman, postman, and messenger. She also discusses what happened to these women when the war ended and most once again became housewives. For grades 6-9. 1995.

A Native American Feast RC 43740
by Lucille Recht Penner
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A history and cookbook of Native American foods. Tells how the various items are obtained by farming, hunting, or gathering. Explains the methods used for preparing the foods. Includes actual recipes. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1994.

Stranded at Plimoth Plantation 1626 RC 44010
by Gary Bowen
read by John Lescault
1 cassette
Christopher Sears, thirteen, is headed from England to Jamestown, Virginia, when the boat runs ashore on the coast of New England. He is then taken in by the Brewsters of Plimoth Plantation. Christopher keeps a daily journal that describes farming, sickness, worship, and entertainment. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Marian Wright Edelman: The Making of a Crusader RC 44492
by Beatrice Siegel
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
Profile of founder of the Children's Defense Fund. The author shows how the influences of growing up in the 1940s South, segregation, and the Civil Rights Movement lead Edelman to become an active participant in advocacy for the rights of minors. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1995.

Earthkeepers: Observers and Protectors of Nature RC 44547
by Ann T. Keene
read by Janis Gray
3 cassettes
Introduction to notable figures in natural history. Includes profiles of conservationists, ecologists, and naturalists, such as John James Audubon, John Chapman ("Johnny Appleseed"), Charles Darwin, George Washington Carver, John Muir, Rachel Carson, and Jane Goodall. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Kids On-Line: 150 Ways for Kids to Surf the Net for Fun and Information RC 44554
by Marian Salzman
and Robert Pondiscio
read by Patricia McDermott
2 cassettes
This young persons' guide to searching the Internet covers such topics as getting connected; sending electronic mail; using bulletin boards and "chat rooms"; downloading games, graphics, and other free software; and finding information on various topics using on-line resources and databases. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Ingenious Mr. Peale: Painter, Patriot, and Man of Science RC 44726
by Janet Wilson
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
The life of Charles Willson Peale—craftsman, inventor, farmer, scientist, and portrait painter of Washington, Franklin, and Jefferson. Portrays the domestic and professional lives, diverse interests, and varied talents of a man who embodied the ingenuity and industry of young America. For grades 6-9. 1996.

Eleanor RC 44950
by Barbara Cooney
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Starting at birth, Eleanor Roosevelt was a disappointment to her mother. By the time Ellie was nine, both her parents were dead, and she spent most of her time with relatives. Hers was a lonely childhood until she turned fifteen and was sent to boarding school, where she flourished. For grades K-3 and older readers. 1996.

Cassettes Fiction

The Jungle Book RC 40928
by Rudyard Kipling
read by Margaret Anne Walterhouse
1 cassette (Reissue)
Seven short stories. Three present the adventures of Mowgli, a boy who is raised by a wolf pack in India and taught the laws of the jungle by a panther and a bear. Other stories include "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi," "The White Seal," "Toomai of the Elephants," and "Servants of the Queen." For grades 5-8. 1894.

***Bubble Trouble* and Other Poems and Stories RC 40956**
by Margaret Mahy
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Rollicking collection of three poems and two stories. In the title poem, Little Mabel blows a bubble that "bobbled over Baby, and it wafted him away," over the garden, over the lane, over the shops, over the jogger, until "wicked treble Abel tripled trouble with his pebble." Runaway reptiles, a hiccuping baby, a gargling gorilla, and a springing

granny have their own silly adventures. For grades 3-6. 1991.

Peace Crane RC 40978
by Sheila Hamanaka
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
Poignant verse inspired by Sadako, a Japanese girl who folded one thousand paper cranes before dying from an illness caused by the bombing of Hiroshima. The crane becomes a symbol of hope to the African American girl telling the story as she wonders about street violence. But then she dreams that she flies with the Peace Crane and embraces its message of love. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Noticing Paradise RC 40990
by Ellen Wittlinger
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Sixteen-year-olds Cat Mancini and Noah Barker-Lowell meet on a cruise to the Galapagos Islands. Each has personal problems. Cat is shy and not very good with boys, and Noah is hurt and angry about his parents' upcoming divorce. In alternate chapters they tell their versions of what happens on their voyage of discovery. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Vampire Bugs: Stories Conjured from the Past RC 41000
by Sharon Dennis Wyeth
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Six short African American and Native American folk tales that incorporate historical characters and facts. The title story is a myth about the origin of lightning bugs. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Make a Wish, Molly RC 41820
by Barbara Cohen
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
Molly is still adjusting to life in America when she learns about the custom of celebrating birthdays. But her first invitation to a birthday party comes during Passover, and Molly can't eat any of the beautiful cake. Embarrassed and unhappy, Molly feels left out until her own birthday produces several surprises. Sequel to *Molly's Pilgrim (RC 21685)*. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1994.

Christmas Spirit: Two Stories RC 42193
by Robert Westall
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
1 cassette
Set in England, these two stories tell of Christmases long ago. In "The Christmas Ghost," a young boy encounters a ghost in an elevator who warns him of impending danger in the factory where his father works. In "The Christmas Cat," an old woman tells about a childhood Christmas spent with her Uncle Simon, an Anglican priest, and his domineering housekeeper. For grades 3-6. 1992.

My Many Colored Days RC 42897
by Dr. Seuss
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A rhyming tale in which a child describes his moods on different days. "Some days are yellow. Some are blue." The child feels different on different days, but always goes back to being himself. For preschool-grade 2 and older readers. 1996.

The Bus People RC 43529
by Rachel Anderson
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
Bertram wouldn't swap places with any of the other school bus drivers even though they call his route the "fruitcake run." First we meet a girl who has Down's syndrome as she learns a heartbreaking lesson at her sister's wedding. Then there are more portraits of Bertram's special passengers: a child who uses a wheelchair, another who doesn't speak, and a boy who falls off his big sister's bike and damages his brain. For grades 5-8. 1989.

The Story of the Milky Way: A Cherokee Tale RC 43759
by Joseph Bruchac and Gayle Ross
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
Long ago there were not many stars in the sky. And in those days the people depended on corn for most of their food. One day an elderly couple discovers someone has stolen some cornmeal. When the villagers try to stop the thief, their actions result in many more stars to light the night. For grades K-3. 1995.

Iron John: Adapted from the Brothers Grimm RC 44081
by Eric A. Kimmel
read by John Lescault
1 cassette
Young Prince Walter is raised in the forest by a "wild man," Iron John. When Walter is grown, he leaves the forest to work as a king's gardener and falls in love with one of the servants. However, Walter keeps returning to the forest so that Iron John can provide special help in making his dream come true. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

Madeline RC 44292
by Ludwig Bemelmans
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette (Reissue)
A story in rhyme about a little girl in a Paris boarding school who manages to have a lively time in spite of appendicitis. For grades K-3. 1939.

Madeline's Rescue RC 44293
by Ludwig Bemelmans
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette (Reissue)
Another story about little Madeline in Paris, this time being rescued from the Seine by a dog named Genevieve. Madeline and her schoolmates fight over who gets to sleep with the beloved dog. Companion to *Madeline (RC 44292)*. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal 1954. 1953.

Madeline and the Bad Hat RC 44294
by Ludwig Bemelmans
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette (Reissue)
The Spanish ambassador moves next door to Madeline's Paris boarding school. Instead of being a good playmate to the twelve girls, the ambassador's prankish son, Pepito, is what Madeline calls a "bad hat." Companion to *Madeline (RC 44292)*. For grades K-3. 1956.

Strega Nona RC 44296
retold by Tomie dePaola
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette (Reissue)
In the town of Calabria, a long time ago, there lived an old lady known as Strega Nona, who owned a magic pot. One day, when Strega Nona went visiting, her helper, Big Anthony, almost destroyed the village by disobeying Strega Nona's warning not to touch the pot. For grades K-3. 1975.

Strega Nona Meets Her Match
RC 44297
by Tomie dePaola
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Nothing much has happened in the town of Calabria since Big Anthony let Strega Nona's pasta pot boil over. Then Strega Amelia comes to visit and, finding Strega Nona still doing things the old-fashioned way, decides to go into business for herself in Calabria. But she isn't prepared for Big Anthony's help. For grades K-3. 1993.

Strega Nona: Her Story RC 44298
retold by Tomie dePaola
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
It all began a long time ago, in the hills of Calabria, when a little baby was born. The minute Grandma Concetta delivered her grandchild, she named her Nona and declared she would become a *strega*. So Nona had to spend years learning the mysteries of herbs and the secret of the pasta pot from Grandma Concetta. For grades K-3. 1996.

Count Silvernose: A Story from Italy
RC 44299
retold by Eric A. Kimmel
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Story of a mysterious, silver-nosed man who asks an old washerwoman to send each of her three daughters to be his servant. When the two foolish younger daughters are reported to be dead, the clever eldest daughter agrees to work for the count to rescue or avenge her sisters. For grades 2-4. 1996.

The Faithful Friend RC 44324
retold by Robert D. San Souci
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
Retelling of a tale from the French West Indies, in which a native boy falls in love and sets off with his best friend, a boy of French descent, to bring home his intended bride. But along the way, they encounter several weird obstacles set in place by the girl's uncle, who does not approve of the marriage. For grades 2-4. 1995.

God's Mailbox: More Stories about Stories in the Bible RC 44360
by Marc Gellman
read by John Stratton
1 cassette
Eighteen stories about the first five books of the Bible. Poses questions and spins humorous answers about the Garden of Eden, the plagues of Egypt, and the Ten Commandments. The tale of Noah introduces the concept of Rainbow People like Moses, Jesus, Buddha, Muhammad, and maybe you. Sequel to *Does God Have a Big Toe? (RC 32181).* For grades 4-7. 1996.

When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson RC 44424
by Barry Denenberg
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
Gordonsville, Virginia, 1864. A few days before Christmas, Emma Simpson watches as her brother's body is returned home. Over the next year, Emma's diary tells how her family is affected by the war, the death of her mother, and the taking over of their home by Yankee soldiers. An epilogue follows the family up to the early 1900s. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Penrod RC 44569
by Booth Tarkington
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
The classic story of an eleven-year-old boy and his numerous misadventures with his dog, family, and school friends. Only his Aunt Sarah seems to understand and endure Penrod's boisterous, mischievous ways. For grades 5-8. 1914.

Under the Blood-Red Sun RC 44654
by Graham Salisbury
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
Tomi is a thirteen-year-old living in Honolulu in 1941. His parents and grandfather are Japanese immigrants, and his best friend Billy is white, a *haole*. Much to Tomi's dismay, his grandfather persists in calling himself Japanese and even flying Japan's flag. When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, soldiers accuse Tomi's family of being spies. Even Billy begins treating Tomi differently. Some strong language and some violence. For grades 5-8. 1994.

First Apple RC 44707
by Ching Yeung Russell
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
In the 1940s, nine-year-old Ying lives in a village in southern China with her beloved grandmother, Ah Pau. Discovering that, like herself, Ah Pau has never tasted an apple, Ying decides to get enough money together to split a piece of the expensive fruit with Ah Pau on her seventy-first birthday. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Little Bear's Friend RC 44899
by Else Holmelund Minarik
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette (Reissue)
Little Bear helps a girl find her way home, and they become good friends. They spend a happy summer with Owl, Duck, Hen, and Cat and are sad when the time comes for the girl to return to school. Companion to *Little Bear (RC 44738)*. For grades K-3. 1960.

A Kiss for Little Bear RC 44900
by Else Holmelund Minarik
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Grandmother is so happy with Little Bear's picture that she sends him back a kiss. The kiss is passed from Grandmother to Hen to Cat to Little Skunk to a pretty little girl skunk, who passes it back to Skunk, before it finally gets to Little Bear, and the skunks have a lovely wedding. For preschool-grade 2. 1968.

Harry and the Lady Next Door RC 44905
by Gene Zion
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Harry, a white dog with black spots, loves all of his neighbors, except the lady next door. She sings so high and loud that it hurts Harry's ears. Harry tries many ways to get the lady to stop, but none seems to be successful. For grades K-3. 1960.

The Dare RC 44909
by R.L. Stine
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
Johanna Wise lives on Fear Street next door to her teacher, Mr. Northwood. Mr. Northwood seems to have it in for a group of Johanna's wealthy class-

mates. When she begins dating one of them, they dare her to kill their teacher. For grades 6-9. 1994.

Orson RC 44938
by Rascal
read by David Palmer
1 cassette
Orson the bear is so big he can't join the other animals in their games. One spring he wakes up from hibernating to find a little stuffed bear outside his cave. Orson isn't lonely anymore, but he wishes his new friend would come alive. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

Harry the Dirty Dog RC 44939
by Gene Zion
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Harry buries his scrubbing brush and spends a glorious day getting dirty before he finally realizes that soap has its uses, after all. For preschool-grade 2. 1956.

Rooster's Off to See the World RC 44940
by Eric Carle
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette (Reissue)
In this book about counting, Rooster decides to travel, so he sets out to see the world. But before he goes very far, he gets lonely. Then Rooster spies two cats and asks them to join him. Before long, Rooster has fourteen animals with him. For grades K-3. 1972.

Aunt Isabel Makes Trouble RC 44941
by Kate Duke
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Aunt Isabel mouse and Penelope have been playing in the park all day, and Aunt Isabel declares it is time to go home and listen to a story. Penelope wants to help tell it. So when Aunt Isabel begins, Penelope keeps but-but-butting in to create a lot of trouble and many surprises. For grades K-3. 1996.

Harry's Pony RC 44967
by Barbara Ann Porte
read by Anne Hancock
1 cassette
Harry's entry in an essay contest wins him a pony. Unfortunately, Harry's father won't let him keep it: the neighborhood isn't zoned for horses and ponies are expensive to take care of. Now what is Harry to do? For grades K-3. 1997.

Some of My Best Friends Are Monsters RC 44969
by Bruce Coville
read by Susan Nardone
1 cassette
Stuart has been at camp for about five weeks, and many strange things have happened. Robert, his ghostly friend, continues to hover around. When Lucius Colton, the camp bully, turns into a hairy monster, Stuart begins to wonder if Robert is up to something. For grades 3-6. 1988.

Monster of the Year RC 44974
by Bruce Coville
read by Susan Nardone
1 cassette
Mike McGraw's mother owns a billboard advertising company. One summer when Mike and his best friend, Kevver, are bored, she allows them to work for her. When they come up with an idea for using an empty billboard to advertise a "Monster of the Year" contest, they are completely shocked by the results. For grades 4-7. 1989.

The Sweetwater Run: The Story of Buffalo Bill Cody and the Pony Express RC 44975
by Andrew Glass
read by Lindsay Ellison
1 cassette
Thirteen-year-old Will Cody joins the Pony Express with the hope of some time delivering mail on horseback. Although hired as a stablehand, young Will unexpectedly gets the chance one cold November day in 1860 to make a very important mail run. For grades K-3. 1996.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Leyendas Históricas Mexicanas y Otros Relatos RC 43960
por Heriberto Frías
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
Colección de más de sesenta cuentos y relatos cortos acerca de Tenochtitlán, Anáhuac, Moctezuma, Cuauhtémoc, Netzahualcóyotl, Huitzilopóchtli, Quezalcóatl y muchos otros personajes y lugares prominentes de las leyendas mexicanas y la historia colonial. Primera edición en 1898. Incluye un prólogo biográfico sobre el autor. (Collection of over sixty stories and vignettes about Tenochtitlan, Anahuac, Moctezuma, Cuauhtemoc, Netzahualcoyotl, Huitzilopochtli, Quezalcoatl, and many other prominent figures and places in Mexican legend and colonial history. First published in 1898. Includes a biographical prologue about the author.) 1986.

Sueños de Robot RC 43961
por Isaac Asimov
leído por Juan Ramirezsettes
Veintiún cuentos de ciencia-ficción acerca de robots y computadoras inteligentes. En el cuento del título "Sueños de Robot", la especialista en robots Susan Calvin tiene que sopesar los posibles peligros que pueden surgir de las máquinas humanoides que sueñan. En "La Ultima Pregunta", una supercomputadora reflexiona acerca del destino definitivo del universo. (Twenty-one science fiction stories about robots and intelligent computers. In the title story, "Robot Dreams," roboticist Susan Calvin must ponder what possible dangers could arise from humanoid machines who dream. In "The Last Question," a super computer ponders the ultimate fate of the universe.) 1988.

Los Panzers de la Muerte RC 43962
por Sven Hassel
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
El soldado alemán Hassel y sus compañeros, curtidos en batallas, libran una batalla imposible en el frente ruso,

donde las duras realidades de una guerra violenta admiten sólo una regla: matar o ser matado. Cuando el ejército alemán inicia su retirada ante el enemigo abrumador, los veteranos saben que su tiempo se está agotando. Violencia y lenguaje injurioso. (Battle-hardened German soldier Hassel and his comrades fight a losing battle on the Russian front where the stark realities of a brutal war admit only one rule: kill or be killed. As the German army begins its retreat before an overwhelming foe, the veterans know their time is running out. Violence and strong language.) 1963.

Eva Luna RC 43963
por Isabel Allende
leído por Maria Pino
3 cassettes
En un esfuerzo por escapar de la opresión, Eva Luna escribe cuentos sobre su vida y las gentes que conoce a lo largo del camino. Entre ellas está su madrina, cuyo cerebro está afectado por el ron; un criminal; un artista transexual, y un joven refugiado, Rolf Carlé, quien también intenta escapar de la opresión. (In an effort to escape oppression, Eva Luna writes tales of her life and the people she meets along the way. They include her godmother, whose brain is addled by rum; a criminal; a transsexual entertainer; and a young refugee—Rolf Carlé, who is also trying to escape oppression.) 1987.

Los Perros Hambrientos RC 43966
por Ciro Alegría
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
Una sequía atenaza los campos peruanos y, al agravarse, los hombres recurren a la violencia para mantenerse vivos, como hacen los perros que cuidan el rebaño de un pastor. El autor describe la crisis de los indios andinos, a merced no sólo de los elementos, sino también de un orden social injusto y anacrónico. Primera edición 1938. (A drought grips the Peruvian countryside, and as it worsens, men turn to violence to stay alive as do the dogs who guard the shepherd's flock. The author depicts the plight of the Andean Indian at the mercy not only of the elements but also of an unjust and anachronistic social order. First published in 1938.) 1982.

Selena! La Vida Sensacional y La Muerte Trágica de la Reina de la Música Tejana RC 44470
por Clint Richmond
leído por Ilona Dulaski y Maria Pino
2 cassettes
El autor describe los últimos días en la vida de Selena y apunta los hechos y rumores de su asesinato. Entonces repasa la niñez de Selena, el amor que tenía a la familia y a otros y explica cómo la música de ella unía la gente—mexicanos, mexicano-americanos, puertorriqueños, cubanos y anglos. Libro bilingüe en español e inglés. Lenguaje injurioso. Bestseller. (The author describes the last few days of Selena's life and the rumors surrounding her murder. He then describes Selena's childhood, her concern for others, and her support of her family and tells how her music bridged the ethnic gap between Mexican Americans and Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and Anglos. In English and Spanish. Some strong language. Bestseller.) 1995.

Talking Book Magazines

Discs

These free direct-circulation magazines are produced for NLS. To be put on the mailing list, contact your cooperating library.

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The Atlantic Monthly (monthly)
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Contemporary Sound Track: A Review of Pop, Jazz, Rock, and Country (bimonthly)
Diabetes Forecast (monthly)
Discover (monthly)
Eating Well (bimonthly)
Ebony (monthly)
Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine (11 issues)
Equip (monthly)
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Health and Nutrition Newsletters (includes **Dr. Andrew Weil's Self Healing, Healthline, The Johns Hopkins Medical Letter—Health after Fifty,** and **Nutrition Action Healthletter,** monthly)
Magazine of the Month (monthly)
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Cassette

For a free subscription to these magazines, contact your cooperating library.

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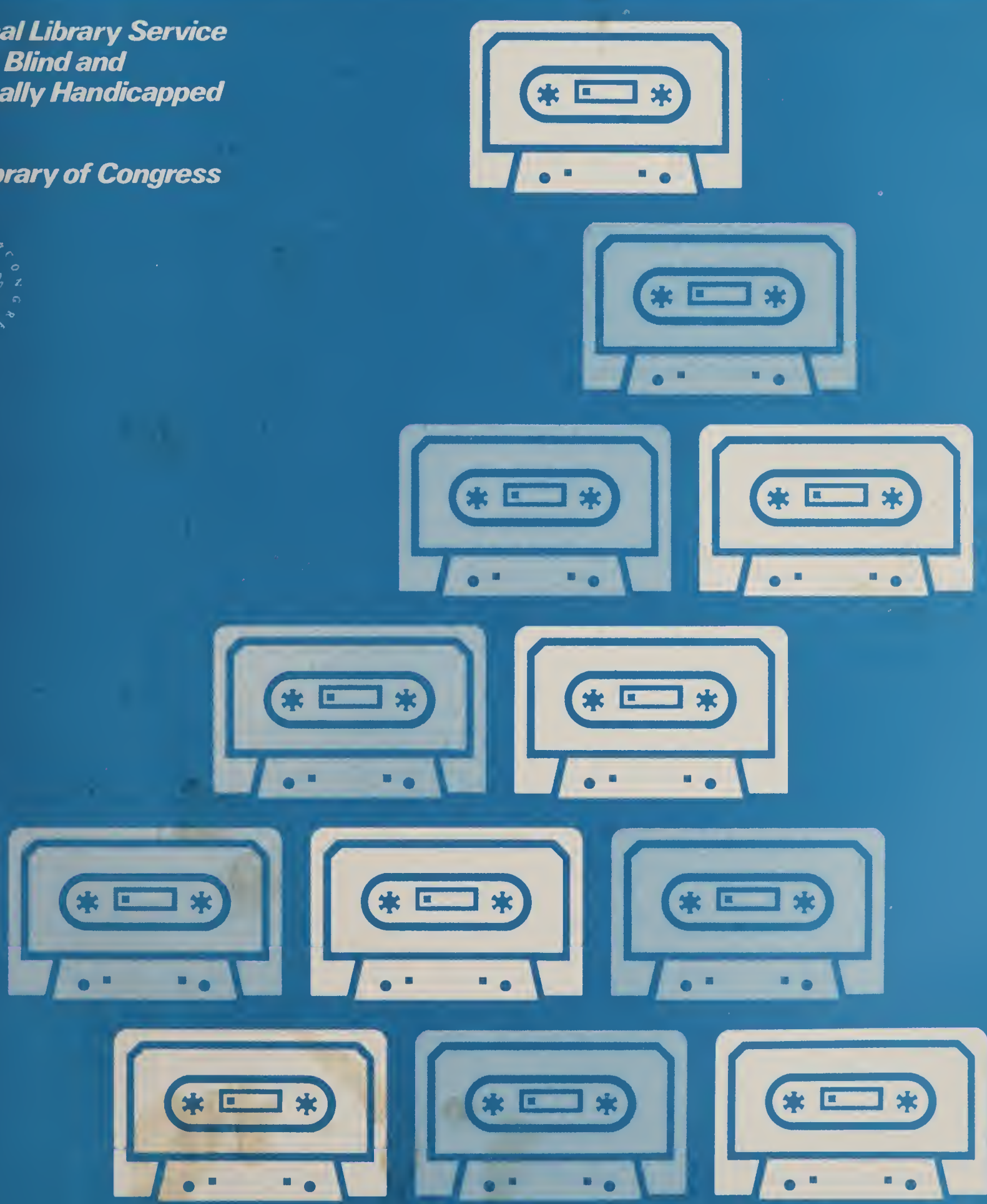

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Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

Cassettes Nonfiction

***Born Again at the Laundromat* and Other Visions of the New West RC 39985**
by Dave Carty
read by Larry Shapiro
1 cassette
Montana resident Carty looks at changing lifestyles in the West, where supermarkets, wine, and Muzak have replaced bars, beer, and country music. His collection of fourteen essays, one of which includes poems by some of his friends, covers such topics as the number of skunks being killed on Montana roads, the opening of antelope season, ice fishing, and grassroots spirituality at the laundromat. Some strong language. 1992.

Visionaries RC 40966
by Bill Mosher
read by Dick Jenkins
2 cassettes
A companion to the public television series, the book presents the context for the acts of love documented in the film. The author explores the magic that occurs when one human helps another, and shows inspirational heroes worthy of media recognition. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

Salvation on Sand Mountain: Snake Handling and Redemption in Southern Appalachia RC 40972
by Dennis Covington
read by Jeff Halberstadt
2 cassettes
The author returns to his southern roots and unexpectedly finds a kinship with members of a church who believe handling poisonous snakes is a testament to their faith. The group comes to represent a side of the South that he feels has been ridiculed and denied a history. He presents these poor, rural whites with respect and an understanding of their strong spiritual beliefs. 1995.

My Singing Teachers RC 40974
by Mel Tormé
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Jazz vocalist Mel Tormé reflects on the singers, instrumentalists, and others who influenced his musical style and career. He offers a medley of anecdotes and observations on some big names, like Bing Crosby, Billie Holiday, and Louis Armstrong, as well as many less well-known artists. 1994.

Collected Poems of Barbara Howes, 1945–1990 RC 40981
by Barbara Howes
read by Gillian Wilson
1 cassette
The prize-winning American poet organizes this collection of previously published poems chronologically. Observations of nature and everyday life characterize the selections. Howes also includes translations of poems by Cino de Pistoia, Christine de Pisan, and Torquato Tasso, among others. National Book Award finalist. 1995.

Remembering with Granny RC 40985
by Alma D. Worthington
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
The author, affectionately known as Granny to family and friends, offers vignettes of growing up in Tennessee during the Great Depression. She describes the excitement of receiving her one-and-only doll, the fun of dating in pairs, and the care with which she reared her children. 1995.

Welcome to High School RC 40986
by Diane Eble and others
read by Miriam Wagner
1 cassette
High school can be a bit scary. Suddenly you are like a little fish in a big sea. You may have more freedom, but you also have more responsibility. This is the Big Time. The editors of *Campus Life*, a Christian magazine, examine the social, emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of high school so you can be prepared for the worst, and the best, of times. For senior high readers. 1991.

The Magic Daughter: A Memoir of Living with Multiple Personality Disorder RC 42195
by Jane Phillips
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
A professor with multiple personalities, or what is called dissociative identity disorder, writes under a pseudonym. She says she began this book as a suicide note but was surprised to find the writing process therapeutic, albeit traumatic. She tells of the childhood horrors that led to the disorder and of her therapist's work in diagnosing and helping her. Some violence. 1995.

White Bucks and Black-Eyed Peas: Coming of Age Black in White America RC 42196
by Marcus Mabry
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
A twenty-five-year-old Paris correspondent for *Newsweek* writes a memoir of being a black urban professional and the uneasy price of that success. His grandmother and mother were the driving forces that sent him from poverty to prep school and beyond, in contrast to his "deadbeat dad," a wealthy judge who didn't acknowledge Mabry for years. Strong language. 1995.

Too Soon to Tell RC 42207
by Calvin Trillin
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Collection of columns published between 1990 and 1995 by the syndicated writer. With his characteristic, good-natured cynicism, Trillin discusses subjects ranging from politics to restaurants to the younger generation. He brings a new perspective to telephone area

codes, the fear of being a rube, and the Chinese claim to the invention of golf. 1995.

Please Stand By: A Prehistory of Television RC 42313
by Michael Ritchie
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Documents the formative years between 1927 and 1947, prior to national broadcasts and prerecording. The book is based on interviews with television pioneers, many of them well known, who tell of haphazard live shows produced in sweltering and cramped studios. Despite the conditions, the visionaries persevered because they saw the potential of the mass medium. 1994.

Streets: A Memoir of the Lower East Side RC 42336
by Bella Spewack
read by Barbara Rappaport
2 cassettes
Early life of the author who, with her husband, Sam Spewack, wrote more than thirty-five films and plays and collaborated with Cole Porter on *Kiss Me, Kate*. Penned when she was twenty-three and published after her death in 1990, the memoir describes struggles Spewack and her mother faced as poor immigrants and the physical surroundings and people of the tenements. For high school and older readers. 1995.

Tailspin: Women at War in the Wake of Tailhook RC 42492
by Jean Zimmerman
read by Susan McInerney
3 cassettes
Recounts the 1991 convention of the Tailhook Association, a former drinking club for naval aviators that grew into a professional organization. Zimmerman tells how Lieutenant Paula Coughlin and others were manhandled by partying men. She describes Coughlin's fight to punish her attackers and examines the status of women in the navy before the combat ban was lifted in 1993. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Eastern Sun, Winter Moon: An Autobiographical Odyssey RC 42706
by Gary Paulsen
read by Michael Kramer
2 cassettes
The author of many young adult books, including *Nightjohn (RC 38431)*, recounts his life to the age of nine, 1939–1948. He tells how he and his mother waited for his soldier father in Chicago, then joined him in the Philippines. Presents a child's view of his mother's pluck and easy virtue and of the realities of war. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

Terry: My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle with Alcoholism RC 42710
by George McGovern
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
A former senator and onetime presidential candidate's anguished story of his daughter's unhappy life and alcohol-related death. McGovern tries to understand and explain her steady descent into depression and alcoholism, concluding that genetic vulnerability was a key factor. 1996.

Diary of a Cat: True Confessions and Lifelong Observations of a Well-Adjusted House Cat RC 42711
by Leigh W. Rutledge
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
A cat's whimsical journal of his adven-

tures around the neighborhood where he lives with kindly Mrs. Vigil. The cat offers some keen insights into the family turmoils he observes in his rounds. After a tumultuous disturbance of the household, harmony is restored, and Mrs. Vigil's cat family is reunited. 1995.

Crews: Gang Members Talk to Maria Hinojosa RC 42950
by Maria Hinojosa
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Interviews with New York City gang, or crew, members by National Public Radio correspondent. Crew members shed light on their lives and their ever-present rage and frustration. Violence and strong language. For high school readers. 1995.

Voices from the Streets: Young Former Gang Members Tell Their Stories RC 43679
by S. Beth Atkin
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
A view of the world of youth gangs as seen through the eyes of former gang members. Profiles a diverse group of youths, who discuss their reasons for joining a gang, their experiences as members, their reasons for quitting, and their post-gang lives. Strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Djuna: The Life and Work of Djuna Barnes RC 43736
by Phillip Herring
read by Faith Potts
3 cassettes
Biography of twentieth-century American journalist and writer. Barnes flourished in the 1920s and 1930s as part of the Greenwich Village and Paris Left Bank literary circles. She gained fame primarily for her novel, *Nightwood*, which was inspired by her eight-year relationship with artist Thelma Wood. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

What I Really Want to Do Is Direct: Seven Film School Graduates Go to Hollywood RC 44099
by Billy Frolick
read by Phil Regensdorf
3 cassettes
Traces the early careers of seven diverse and ambitious film school graduates who aspire to become Hollywood directors. Follows their personal quests over three years, chronicling the successes and setbacks that they encounter in the risky and competitive business of filmmaking. Strong language. 1996.

The Life of Nelson A. Rockefeller: Worlds to Conquer, 1908–1958; Volume 1 RC 44107
by Cary Reich
read by Ralph Lowenstein
8 cassettes
Portrait of an energetic and ambitious American patrician, whose life was "a study in the unapologetic use of a great fortune to secure influence." From his youth, Rockefeller showed an appetite for power, and he rose to become governor of New York, vice president, and a major influence in American politics. 1996.

God Talks with Arjuna: The Bhagavad Gita; Royal Science of God-Realization, the Immortal Dialogue between Soul and Spirit, a New Translation and Commentary RC 44109
by Paramahansa Yogananda
read by Yolande Bavan
11 cassettes
Yogananda, a renowned spiritual leader

who died in 1952, offers a translation of and commentary on the Bhagavad Gita ("Song of the Lord"), the classic religious and philosophical text of Hindi culture in India. Yogananda explores concepts found within the work such as karma, yoga, prana, and chakras. 1995.

Grant Takes Command RC 44255
by Bruce Catton
read by Butch Hoover
4 cassettes
This sequel to *Grant Moves South (RC 14649)* relates the exploits of commander in chief of the Union Army General Ulysses Grant during the final eighteen months of the Civil War. Recounts the battles of Chattanooga, Chancellorsville, and Atlanta and other key engagements late in the war. 1969.

Faith and Treason: The Story of the Gunpowder Plot RC 44329
by Antonia Fraser
read by Catherine Byers
3 cassettes
An account of the Gunpowder Plot, in which a band of English Catholics planned to blow up Parliament and seize political power in 1605. The attempt failed, the conspirators were executed, and persecution of Catholics increased. Analyzes the event and compares it with cases of modern religious terrorism. Violence. 1996.

Women's Sports: A History RC 44331
by Allen Guttmann
read by Catherine Byers
3 cassettes
Traces the history of Western women's competitive sports from ancient times to the present. Examines the impact of the 1970s feminist revolution, which transformed and popularized women's athletics. Examines controversial issues that threaten the future of sports for women. 1991.

The Price of a Dream: The Story of the Grameen Bank, and the Idea That Is Helping the Poor to Change Their Lives RC 44332
by David Bornstein
read by Christopher Hurt
3 cassettes
Recounts the success of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, which has provided loans to more than two million self-employed villagers. Unlike most banks, Grameen lends small amounts for short periods, mostly to women who lack collateral. Provides a financial model for combatting poverty in developing nations. 1996.

Genesis: A Living Conversation RC 44333
by Bill Moyers
read by Gordon Gould
3 cassettes
A diverse group of panelists from the worlds of religion, academia, law, and art discuss the people and events of the first book of the Bible. They explore the biblical characters and analyze the timeless moral themes of their stories. Companion volume to the PBS television series. 1996.

The Conquest of a Continent: Siberia and the Russians RC 44334
by W. Bruce Lincoln
read by Ken Kliban
4 cassettes
Chronicles the history of Siberia over almost a thousand years. Recounts the early invasions of the marauding Tartars and Mongols, Russian exploration of the wilderness, the conquest and settlement of the land, and the exploitation

of Siberia's natural resources. Violence. 1994.

The Temple Bombing RC 44335
by Melissa Fay Greene
read by Frank Coffee
3 cassettes
On October 12, 1958, a bomb set by white supremacists rocked an Atlanta synagogue, whose outspoken rabbi, Jacob Rothschild, had taken a public stand for racial integration. The author describes the event, the racial climate in which it occurred, and its aftermath. Some strong language. 1996.

Last Dance at the Hotel Kempinski: Creating a Life in the Shadow of History RC 44352
by Robin Hirsch
read by Robert Blumenfeld
3 cassettes
The personal story and family history of a son of Jewish refugees from the Nazi regime. Recounts his parents' meeting and marriage in Germany, their flight to England in 1938, his childhood in a troubled home, and his youth exploring America during the turbulent 1960s. Strong language. 1995.

Romeo and Juliet RC 44353
by William Shakespeare
read by George Holmes
3 cassettes (Reissue)
A sixteenth-century romantic tragedy of two teenagers from rival families who fall in love. A sentence of exile and an impending arranged marriage force the two to flee. A friar suggests a ruse to accomplish their union, but miscommunication causes it to backfire. 1993.

In the Beginning: A New Interpretation of Genesis RC 44354
by Karen Armstrong
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Recounts the stories of the book of Genesis, which depict humankind's early relationships with the divine. Examines the recurring theme of spiritual struggle that pervades the first book of the Bible. Discerns a gradual process of withdrawal by God from human affairs. 1996.

The Pocket Aristotle: Selections from *Psychology*, *Physics*, *Politics*, *Nicomachean Ethics*, *Metaphysics*, and *Poetics* RC 44359
edited by Justin D. Kaplan
read by Gordon Gould
3 cassettes
Selections from the writings and lectures of the Greek philosopher and scientist, pupil of Plato, and teacher of Alexander the Great. The thoughts that Aristotle expounded more than three centuries B.C. continue to be considered a wellspring from which great minds draw wisdom. 1958.

How to Be Rich RC 44386
by J. Paul Getty
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A billionaire reveals the successful formulas that led him into real estate, the stock market, and fine art. Getty emphasizes the need for adequate preparation for the business world and discusses how to discharge the responsibilities created by wealth. 1965.

The Cause Lost: Myths and Realities of the Confederacy RC 44387
by William C. Davis
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Describes and analyzes the author's view of factors that doomed the Confederate cause in the Civil War. Examines leadership flaws, a failed western strategy, and eventual economic collapse as key elements. Discusses heroic myths that Davis says continue to shape the popular image of the Confederacy. 1996.

Eva Perón RC 44460
by Alicia Dujovne Ortiz
read by Ilona Dulaski
3 cassettes
Born poor and illegitimate, Eva Perón reinvented herself as an actress and eventually as the wife of Argentine dictator Juan Perón. By her death in 1952, she was both revered as a saint and vilified as a fascist. Ortiz uses testimony from people who knew her and declassified government documents to explore the woman behind the image. 1996.

Vietnam 1968–1969: A Battalion Surgeon's Journal RC 44467
by Byron E. Holley
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
An army surgeon's chronicle of his year with an infantry division in Vietnam. Recounts perilous combat patrols, treating casualties under harsh battlefield conditions, the many fatalities, and the lasting physical and mental wounds of war. Strong language and violence. 1993.

The Dhammapada: Sayings of Buddha RC 44491
translated by Thomas Cleary
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Statements of ethical and spiritual principle as guides in finding inner tranquillity. Written in the fifth century B.C., these teachings focus on "mastery and purification of the self, strength and sobriety of character, and the ultimate attainment of freedom and independence." 1994.

Plutarch: The Lives of the Noble Grecians and Romans, Vol. 1 RC 44495
edited by Arthur Hugh Clough
read by Gordon Gould
7 cassettes
Biographical accounts of noble Greeks and Romans from mythological times through the early second century A.D. This 1864 revision of Dryden's classic seventeeth-century translation compares the character, moral conduct, and fate of such noted figures as Theseus and Romulus, providing rich descriptions of social life in the ancient Mediterranean world. 1992.

Voices in Ireland: A Traveller's Literary Companion RC 44496
by P.J. Kavanagh
read by Terry Donnelly
3 cassettes
A literary tour of Ireland with a focus on its history and legends. Reveals the unique language and culture that evolved on the uninvaded island, so alien to Romanized Europe. Along the way from the north down to Dublin, the author depicts the sound and character of a singular people. 1994.

Fodor's 96 New Zealand RC 44498
by Fodor Staff
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Tips on dining, shopping, sightseeing, accommodations, and recreational activities in New Zealand. Specific chapters highlight Auckland and the North, Rotorua to Wellington, South Island, and also "adventure vacations" that include sailing, rafting, canoeing, hiking, diving, bicycling, and horseback riding. 1995.

Convicted in the Womb: One Man's Journey from Prisoner to Peacemaker RC 44499
by Carl Upchurch
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
The personal account of a man who was an elementary-school dropout, gang member, and convicted criminal, but who redeemed his life and became a civil rights leader and a symbol of hope for inner-city youth. In 1993, Upchurch organized the first national gang summit. Strong language. 1996.

Fodor's 97 the Bahamas RC 44503
by Fodor Staff
read by John Stratton
3 cassettes
Tips on dining, shopping, sightseeing, accommodations, and recreational activities in the Bahamas. Specific chapters highlight New Providence Island, Grand Bahama Island, the Out Islands, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. 1996.

God Has Ninety-Nine Names: Reporting from a Militant Middle East RC 44542
by Judith Miller
read by Mitzi Friedlander
6 cassettes
An American journalist profiles the rise of Islamic militancy and government responses in ten countries of North Africa and the Middle East. Based primarily on eyewitness accounts and interviews with government officials, dissident leaders, and factional rivals. Violence and some strong language. 1996.

Preparation for Birth: The Complete Guide to the Lamaze Method RC 44558
by Beverly Savage and Diana Simkin
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
This handbook on using the Lamaze method of natural childbirth is arranged according to each stage of pregnancy. The authors discuss exercise and relaxation during pregnancy, the different stages of labor, various breathing techniques, the birthing process, and the postpartum period. 1987.

The Safe Shopper's Bible: A Consumer's Guide to Nontoxic Household Products, Cosmetics, and Food RC 44560
by David Steinman and Samuel S. Epstein
read by Kerry Cundiff
4 cassettes
Evaluates a broad range of food and consumer products in terms of the acute and chronic health hazards that they present. Offers shopping guides for various product categories, recommending the safest choices. Provides tips on the prudent use of risky products and suggests safer alternatives. 1995.

Microsoft Secrets: How the World's Most Powerful Software Company Creates Technology, Shapes Markets, and Manages People RC 44575
by Michael A. Cusumano
and Richard W. Selby
read by John Richardson
4 cassettes
The authors—who spent two years on-site at Microsoft with access to confidential documents and data—devote separate chapters to each of the seven key strategies used by the progressive computer corporation to organize the company, select personnel, develop products, and manage talent. 1995.

Pearl S. Buck: A Cultural Biography RC 44577
by Peter Conn
read by Janis Gray
5 cassettes
Describes the life of the humanitarian, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature and her work in China during the early twentieth century. Provides the historical backdrop against which she wrote her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Good Earth (RC 37294)*. Covers her later advocacy of the rights of women, children, and racial minorities. 1996.

A Cynthia Ozick Reader RC 44597
by Cynthia Ozick
read by Mary Woods
3 cassettes
Seven poems, eight essays, and seven short works of fiction by the twentieth-century American writer. Topics in Ozick's work include literary figures such as Henry James, Virginia Woolf, and Edith Wharton; feminism; Judaism; classical Greek civilization; and the conflict between Hebraism and Hellenism in such works as "Greeks" and "Envy; or, Yiddish in America." 1996.

The Rising Sun: The Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire 1936–1945 RC 44604
by John Toland
read by Erik Sandvold
9 cassettes
Chronicles well-known military actions of World War II, such as Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, and Hiroshima, from the Japanese perspective. Also details individual motivations and perceptions underlying Japan's military decisions before and during the war. Violence and some strong language. 1970.

The Size of the World RC 44633
by Jeff Greenwald
read by Jim Zeiger
4 cassettes
Travel writer Greenwald sets out on the eve of his fortieth birthday "to travel from Oakland, California, to Oakland, California, without leaving the ground." He wends his way around the globe by train, ship, truck, and bus, using a portable computer to record his experiences and dispatch a column for the Internet. 1995.

Climbing Mount Improbable RC 44661
by Richard Dawkins
read by Kerry Cundiff
3 cassettes
Explores the design of organisms and life systems through the process of Darwinian natural selection. Illustrates the operation of evolution in the development of such complex wonders as wings, spiderwebs, and the human eye. 1996.

George Ball: Behind the Scenes in U.S. Foreign Policy RC 44665
by James A. Bill
read by Sharon Murray
3 cassettes
Portrait of a noted diplomat who helped shape American foreign policy through the years of the cold war. Recounts his service as undersecretary of state during the 1960s, when he stood firm in opposing escalation of the Vietnam War. Describes him as a "pragmatic idealist" and model statesman. 1997.

Values Matter Most: How Republicans or Democrats or a Third Party Can Win and Renew the American Way of Life RC 44669
by Ben J. Wattenberg
read by Andy Chappell
3 cassettes
Neoconservative author and commentator urges politicians to seek social justice and electoral success by gravitating toward the center of the political debate. Wattenberg gives higher priority to social issues than economic factors in determining voters' preferences, and blames a "something-for-nothing" ethic for many social problems. 1995.

Intimate Worlds: Life inside the Family RC 44670
by Maggie Scarf
read by Madelyn Buzzard
4 cassettes
Analyzes the family structure using the Beaver Family Systems model, which classifies groups in levels from severely disturbed to optimally adjusted. Scarf interviewed four families to illustrate her theories. She also discusses bonding and relationship boundaries. 1995.

Health Online RC 44672
by Tom Ferguson
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
In this guide to finding health resources electronically, a physician outlines the basics of e-mail, on-line services, the World Wide Web, and the Internet for beginners. Also explains how to research specific health problems and to locate support groups and self-help communities. 1996.

The Essential Neoconservative Reader RC 44673
edited by Mark Gerson
read by Mitzi Friedlander
4 cassettes
An anthology of seminal essays that provide perspective on neoconservative thought. Contrasts the principles and views of the movement with those of liberalism in areas including market capitalism, government activism, social deviancy, religion, and race relations. 1996.

The Bankers: The Next Generation RC 44701
by Martin Mayer
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes
Update of *The Bankers (RD 8277)* explores the sweeping changes in the banking industry since the mid-1970s. Offers a history of money and banking, then discusses the impact of computers, electronic money, credit cards, and the collapse of the savings and loan industry in the 1980s. Ponders the industry's future. 1997.

American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson RC 44729
by Joseph J. Ellis
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes
A portrait of the drafter of the Declaration of Independence, third president, and enduring American icon. Traces his life through five major periods, including his service as diplomat and president. Describes Jefferson as a diverse character whose ideals and behavior were sometimes at odds. 1996.

Tocqueville in America RC 44730
by George Wilson Pierson
read by Ted Stoddard
7 cassettes
Using diaries, letters, and newspaper accounts, the author reconstructs the nine-month journey throughout America made by Alexis de Tocqueville and his companion Gustave de Beaumont on behalf of the French government in 1831 and 1832. Tocqueville's observations formed the basis of his classic political treatise, *Democracy in America (RC 14244 and RC 14245)*, written in 1835. 1938.

Without a Doubt RC 44804
by Marcia Clark
read by Pam Ward
4 cassettes
A candid account of the O.J. Simpson murder trial by the lead prosecuting attorney. Details the prosecution's case, describing the evidence, witnesses, defense team, and jury. Argues that the acquitted defendant actually committed the crimes. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: One Hundred One Stories of Life, Love, and Learning RC 44853
by Jack Canfield and others
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Following in the tradition of *Chicken Soup for the Soul (RC 39870)*, the authors collected stories, poems, and anecdotes relating to the teenage years. Topics include relationships, friendship, love, family, as well as "tough stuff" that teens can browse through and return to again and again. For junior and senior high readers. Bestseller 1997.

The Napoleon of Crime: The Life and Times of Adam Worth, Master Thief RC 44865
by Ben Macintyre
read by Jeff Baker
2 cassettes
Portrait of a famous "gentleman" thief of the Victorian age. After being misreported as dead in the Civil War, Adam Worth began a forty-year career that would lead him to the top of an international criminal empire. Worth became the literary model for Professor Moriarty, the nemesis of Sherlock Holmes. Bestseller 1997.

A Message from God in the Atomic Age: A Memoir RC 44874
by Irene Vilar
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
A woman's meditation on her family's proclivity for suicide. In 1954 her grandmother sought death as one of the Puerto Rican nationalists who fired upon the United States Congress. In 1977 her mother jumped from a speeding car. The author chronicles her own intimate life and 1988 suicide attempt. 1996.

Affairs of State: The Rise and Rejection of the Presidential Couple since World War II RC 44877
by Gil Troy
read by Nanette Savard
4 cassettes
A retrospective of the political maturation of first ladies in America from passive observers to active participants in the formulation of domestic policy. The author also discusses why the public is apprehensive about the expanded role of presidential wives. 1997.

Deeper: My Two-Year Odyssey in Cyberspace RC 44878
by John Seabrook
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes
A journalist recounts his two-year spree on the Internet. Starting as a novice, he goes through such rites of passage as getting flamed, experiencing cybersex, and joining a virtual community. As he progresses, his original hopes and enthusiasm for the technology gradually wane. Strong language. 1997.

The Trouble with Testosterone and Essays on the Biology of the Human Predicament RC 44887
by Robert M. Sapolsky
read by Lewis Grenville
2 cassettes
A series of provocative essays that explore the biological basis of human behavior. Tracks recent developments in psychiatry and neuroscience and examines research in animal behavior and the social and political implications of behavioral biology. 1997.

Fodor's Exploring Japan RC 44903
by David Scott
read by Ralph Lowenstein
3 cassettes
This guidebook to enjoying Japan provides an overview of the country's history from ancient to modern. Gives detailed information on present-day Tokyo, Central Honshu, Kyoto, Western Honshu and Shikoku, Kyushu and Okinawa, Northern Honshu, and Hokkaido. Also includes sections devoted to travel facts, hotels, and restaurants. 1996.

Fodor's Exploring Israel RC 44904
by Andrew Sanger
read by Ralph Lowenstein
3 cassettes
This guidebook to enjoying Israel provides an overview of the country's history from ancient to modern. Gives detailed information on present-day Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Coast, Galilee and the North, Judaea and Samaria (the West Bank), and the South. Also includes sections devoted to travel facts, hotels, and restaurants. 1996.

Fodor's Exploring Australia RC 44906
by Michael Ivory
read by Christopher Hurt
3 cassettes
This travel guide to enjoying Australia provides an overview of the country's history from ancient to modern. Gives detailed information on present-day Sydney, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania. Also includes sections devoted to travel facts, hotels, and restaurants. 1996.

Out of America: A Black Man Confronts Africa RC 44918
by Keith B. Richburg
read by Peter Jay Fernandez
2 cassettes
An African American journalist's perceptions of pervasive disorder, disease, privation, violence, and official corruption in Africa. Interpretations based on his experience as bureau chief for the *Washington Post* in Nairobi from 1991 to 1994 and his struggle to define his relationship with the continent. Violence. 1997.

John Webster—Three Plays: *The White Devil, The Duchess of Malfi, The Devil's Law-Case* RC 44924
by John Webster
read by Gordon Gould
3 cassettes
In his introduction to the first of these early-seventeenth-century dramas, *The White Devil*, Webster predicted his tragedy would endure through the ages. In the late twentieth century, it is still performed, together with *The Duchess of Malfi. The Devil's Law-Case*, a tragicomedy, may be based on Webster's flirtation with law before he took up literature. 1972.

Major League Losers: The Real Cost of Sports and Who's Paying for It RC 44932
by Mark S. Rosentraub
read by Lou Harpenau
4 cassettes
A study of the intimate relationship between professional sports franchises and public officials. The author opines that local governments should no longer finance the building of new sports venues, because the dividends to the citizens are marginal at best. 1997.

A Life of Matthew Arnold RC 44933
by Nicholas Murray
read by David Palmer
3 cassettes
Chronicles the life of the famed Victorian writer, educator, and critic of his times. Portrays Arnold as a progressive humanist who urged political and religious institutions to conform to the evolving needs of society and as "a prophet who has managed to project himself into our present troubles." 1996.

For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War RC 44934
by James M. McPherson
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
Examines the motivations of Civil War soldiers to serve and fight, drawn from thousands of letters and diaries of Confederate and Union men. Avers that strong political and ideological beliefs undergirded a sense of duty and honor that sustained many through the perils of combat. Violence. 1997.

Partners in Independence: A Success Story of Dogs and the Disabled RC 44952
by Ed and Toni Eames
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
Accounts of disabled people and their canine assistants that depict the trust, support, and bonding that typify these relationships. Recounts cases of heroic actions by dogs to save their human partners from harm, as well as examples of everyday assistance that dogs provide. 1997.

The Last Ranch: A Colorado Community and the Coming Desert RC 44954
by Sam Bingham
read by Brian Conn
3 cassettes
Chronicles a year in the life of a southern Colorado ranch family as they struggle against the ruinous destruction of their land. Discusses the adverse effects of farming and grazing since the 1840s, the dismal condition of the landscape, and the desperate efforts of the community to stave off the encroaching desert. 1996.

The Chain Gang: One Newspaper versus the Gannett Empire RC 44956
by Richard McCord
read by Barry Bernson
2 cassettes
An exposé of the unscrupulous tactics used by the Gannett news empire to drive local newspapers out of business. The author recounts the investigative research that uncovered Gannett's "demolition" campaigns against competitors and how he fought back to save his own Santa Fe paper. 1996.

The Miracle of Mindfulness: A Manual on Meditation RC 44957
by Thich Nhat Hanh
read by Randy Wieck
1 cassette
Although this guide to engaged Buddhism was written by a Vietnamese monk for his students, it recommends exercises that can be performed anywhere. The practice of mindfulness can transform an everyday activity such as washing dishes, taking a bath, lying in bed, or breathing into a meditation. 1987.

In the Country of Country: People and Places in American Music RC 44961
by Nicholas Dawidoff
read by Dan Bloom
3 cassettes
These portraits of notable figures in American country music include Earl Scruggs, whose innovative approach to the banjo took the instrument beyond being a vaudeville prop, and Patsy Cline, country's first torch singer. Also discusses Chet Atkins, Johnny Cash, Buck Owens, Harlan Howard, Emmylou Harris, Bill Monroe, and the Louvin Brothers. Some strong language. 1997.

The Man Who Listens to Horses RC 45002
by Monty Roberts
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
A portrait of Monty Roberts, the horse trainer who discovered a humane technique for taming wild horses. Appalled by traditional methods of "breaking" horses that he witnessed in his youth, Roberts developed a gentle procedure for "joining-up" with a horse through a process of man-animal communication. Bestseller 1997.

Wait till Next Year: A Memoir RC 45007
by Doris Kearns Goodwin
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
A personal history of growing up in suburban New York in the 1950s. A love of baseball permeated the author's childhood and helped her forge a special bond with her father, who taught her at age six to keep a scorebook for the Brooklyn Dodgers and to relate an inning-by-inning account of the game to

him at the end of the day. Bestseller 1997.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures RC 45010
by Anne Fadiman
read by Catherine Byers
3 cassettes
Born in California of Laotian (Hmong) parents, Lia suffers from epileptic seizures that began at age three months. As traditional Hmong medicine is not available, Lia's parents take her to American doctors. Neither parental love nor the doctors' sense of duty can transcend the cultural barriers and misconceptions that complicate Lia's medical care. Bestseller 1997.

Book RC 45020
by Whoopi Goldberg
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
Autobiographical essays from one of Hollywood's leading black comedians. Whoopi portrays growing up in New York in the sixties and presents her thoughts on how life today differs as a result of changes in society. She also writes about death, race, and her views on love. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Pour Your Heart into It: How Starbucks Built a Company One Cup at a Time RC 45027
by Howard Schultz
and Dori Jones Yang
read by Peter Gil
2 cassettes
The chairman and CEO of Starbucks reveals the story behind his nationally famous chain of coffee bars. Describes how he attracts investors and executive talent, provides liberal staff benefits, and develops the business. Emphasizes how values and principles are important to success. Bestseller 1997.

Altars in the Street: A Neighborhood Fights to Survive RC 45036
by Melody Ermachild Chavis
read by Dani Carr
2 cassettes
Memoir of a social activist who spurred her urban, interracial community to join hands in opposing crime, gang violence, and drug addiction. Traces her personal growth from 1960s radical to private investigator and devout Buddhist to nonviolent neighborhood leader. Strong language and violence. 1997.

Without Child: Challenging the Stigma of Childlessness RC 45049
by Laurie Lisle
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Examines the precept that motherhood is the normal progression for the mature female, from personal, societal, and historical perspectives. The author argues that women will be truly emancipated when childlessness, by choice or by nature, is accepted without social prejudice. 1996.

Downsize This! RC 45054
by Michael Moore
read by Dan Bloom
2 cassettes
A cultural iconoclast directs his ire and wit at corporations, conservative politicians, lobbyists, and other alleged exploiters of working Americans. Laments the passing of the "American Dream" in an era of cutbacks, public cynicism, and social instability. Bestseller 1996.

Character above All: Ten Presidents from FDR to George Bush RC 45058
edited by Robert A. Wilson
read by Anne Hancock
2 cassettes
A series of reflections by historians and journalists that consider the relationship of character to presidential achievement. While depicting the diverse personalities of the ten chief executives, the essays portray them as remarkable men whose single connecting trait was a desire to lead. 1995.

Big Trouble: A Murder in a Small Western Town Sets Off a Struggle for the Soul of America RC 45061
by J. Anthony Lukas
read by Jake Williams
8 cassettes
Lukas writes of the class warfare, labor strife, and political shenanigans of the early twentieth century. He examines a 1905 case in which ex-governor of Idaho Frank Steunenberg was murdered supposedly by union chiefs who hated him for his stand during the 1899 mining strikes. Clarence Darrow was one of the defense lawyers. Bestseller 1997.

In Their Own Right: The History of American Clergywomen RC 45066
by Carl J. and Dorothy Schneider
read by Jill Ferris
4 cassettes
Traces the history of "women in the Judaic-Christian tradition who have preached and pastored in the United States." Examines the roles of clergywomen from conservative colonial times up to the 1990s, when women represent a high percentage of divinity students. Predicts future prospects for clergywomen. 1997.

Color-Blind: Seeing beyond Race in a Race-Obsessed World RC 45068
by Ellis Cose
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
Explores the prospect of achieving a race-neutral society in America. Examines the impact of color on self-esteem, educational opportunity, economic success, and social standing. Presents a twelve-point plan for creating a truly color-blind society. 1997.

In Light of India RC 45069
by Octavio Paz
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Essays by Nobel Prize-winner Paz evoke the sights, sounds, and smells of India he experienced during his years as a Mexican diplomat in Delhi. Views philosophy, religion, nationhood, eroticism, and gastronomy in light of India's cultural complexity. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity RC 45070
by Francis Fukuyama
read by John Rayburn
3 cassettes
Explores the degree to which shared values and cooperation in a society stand to influence its economic structure and success. Examines and compares high-trust and low-trust nations in economic terms. Asserts that the economies of high-trust nations are more efficient and competitive. 1995.

The Dream of the Unified Field: Selected Poems, 1974–1994 RC 45086
by Jorie Graham
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
An anthology of sixty-one poems from

five previously published books by the 1996 Pulitzer Prize-winning poet. 1995.

The Jesus I Never Knew RC 45087
by Philip Yancey
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
An in-depth examination of Jesus that goes beyond the traditional and popular image. Discusses the questions of his background and identity; considers his mission, message, and journey while on earth; and interprets the meaning of his life and its legacy for humankind. 1995.

When Dreams Came True: The GI Bill and the Making of Modern America RC 45109
by Michael J. Bennett
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
A perspective on the background and impact of the 1944 GI Bill of Rights, "the thread that runs through the personal and family memories of how lives changed after World War II." Explains how the bill's educational and home mortgage benefits paved the way to the middle class for millions and altered the American way of life. 1996.

If It's Going to Be, It's Up to Me: The Eight Proven Principles of Possibility Thinking RC 45111
by Robert H. Schuller
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
A noted minister and television personality outlines precepts for achieving personal and spiritual success. Offers illustrative anecdotes to reinforce key ideas. Exhorts readers to actively pursue their dreams. 1997.

American Lung Association Family Guide to Asthma and Allergies RC 45112
by American Lung Association Asthma Advisory Group
read by Patricia McDermott
2 cassettes
Explains the causes, prevention, symptoms, treatment, and control of asthma and allergies. Explores links between the two conditions and advises on trigger-proofing the environment to minimize exposure to harmful irritants and allergens. 1997.

Father, Soldier, Son: Memoir of a Platoon Leader in Vietnam RC 45115
by Nathaniel Tripp
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
A writer's account of his combat experiences as an infantry platoon leader in Vietnam. Depicts the deteriorating morale of American forces following the Tet Offensive in 1968. He interweaves stories of home and family with his war recollections. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Whole Shebang: A State-of-the-Universe(s) Report RC 45118
by Timothy Ferris
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Drawing from findings in cosmology and particle physics, the popular science writer presents a survey of knowledge about the universe. In nontechnical language Ferris explains topics such as relativity, the big bang theory, curved space, black holes, the idea of multiple universes, the quest for a grand unified theory, and the puzzling concepts of quantum mechanics. 1997.

The Last Gift of Time: Life beyond Sixty RC 45130
by Carolyn G. Heilbrun
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
The famed author of the Amanda Cross mysteries reflects on the pleasures and rewards that made the her sixties her "happiest decade." She considers the simple joys of solitude, freedom, and release from having to wear high heels and skirts. Discusses her decision to embrace and savor life as "borrowed time." 1997.

The Celestine Vision: Living the New Spiritual Awareness RC 45153
by James Redfield
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Companion to *The Celestine Prophecy (RC 40460)*. Explores the roots, nature, and meaning of the spiritual renaissance that the author sees unfolding in the world. Suggests that scientific, social, and religious factors and forces are converging, pushing humankind toward a "planetary awakening." Bestseller 1997.

Don't Worry, Make Money: Spiritual and Practical Ways to Create Abundance and More Fun in Your Life RC 45154
by Richard Carlson
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
The author offers one hundred short essays to help people enjoy life more and worry less. Ideas include considering that a journey begins with just one step, transcending problems instead of dealing with them, using the power of reflection, taking lunch breaks, and remembering the Golden Rule. Bestseller 1997.

The Dark Side of Camelot RC 45157
by Seymour M. Hersh
read by Butch Hoover
4 cassettes
This biography of John Fitzgerald Kennedy discusses how his upbringing and morals influenced his professional life. Citing the president's indiscretions with various women, his liaisons with organized crime, and his use of violence as a political weapon, Hersh contends that the security of the country and the integrity of the presidency were threatened. Bestseller 1997.

Any Given Day: The Life and Times of Jessie Lee Brown Foveaux RC 45164
by Jessie Lee Brown Foveaux
read by Terry Hayes Sales
2 cassettes
Jessie Lee Foveaux, who wrote this memoir when she was eighty years old, records memories of an idyllic childhood spent in the early-twentieth-century rural United States. Foveaux tells how she survived illnesses, the depression, two world wars, and marriage to an alcoholic while raising eight children. Bestseller 1979.

Leading with My Chin RC 45183
by Jay Leno
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Humorous memoir of one of America's favorite comedians. Jay Leno recounts his zany youth, his early years of struggle on the comedy circuit, and his ultimate selection to succeed Johnny Carson as host of *The Tonight Show.* Strong language. 1996.

Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations on and off the Court RC 45188
by John Wooden and Steve Jamison
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Championship UCLA basketball coach John Wooden outlines his "philosophy of achievement, success, and excellence" for sports and for life. Offers guiding principles on topics such as families, values, competition, and success. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

The Portable College Advisor: A Guide for High School Students RC 45207
by Wendy H. Robbins
read by Dani Carr
1 cassette
A handbook on college admissions that offers information, strategies, and suggestions for managing the process. Covers standardized tests, college selection, applications, financial aid, campus visits and interviews, and more. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Deals with the Devil: And Other Reasons to Riot RC 45231
by Pearl Cleage
read by Connie Winston
2 cassettes
A collection of essays dealing with being black and female in America from Cleage's *Atlanta Tribune* column and magazine articles. Her topics include the abuse of women, violence in society, racism, politics, motherhood, Colin Powell, Spike Lee, Clarence Thomas, and Arsenio Hall. Some strong language and some violence. 1993.

Complete Poems RC 45236
by Edgar Allan Poe
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Poems by the famed nineteenth-century author whose tortured and unhappy life was reflected in his writings. Poe's works evoke a primal and lurid world of dreams. Includes "The Raven," which describes a man's nocturnal visitation by an eerie creature. 1992.

"Worse Than Slavery": Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice RC 45237
by David M. Oshinsky
read by Ralph Lowenstein
2 cassettes
History of the notorious Mississippi penitentiary, infamous for its brutality and deplorable conditions. Examines the state's profitable use of inmates as labor on the twenty-thousand-acre prison plantation and the earlier practice of leasing out convicts to work on cotton farms in the area. Strong language and violence. 1996.

***In the Name of Love* and Other True Cases: Ann Rule's Crime Files, Volume 4 RC 45256**
by Ann Rule
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
After falling in love and marrying wealthy California businessman Jerry Harris, Susan is devastated when he doesn't return home one night in 1987. The title story, about her lengthy search for him, and four other true crime cases make up this sequel to *A Fever in the Heart (RC 43422)*. Some violence. Best-seller 1998.

Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Hearts and Rekindle the Spirits of Mothers RC 45286
by Jack Canfield and others
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
Heartwarming stories on the theme of

motherhood. Selections touch on such facets as a mother's love, courage, and intuition; her guiding hand; her special moments; and the bittersweet time when she must release her child to the world. Bestseller 1997.

You Can Be a Stock Market Genius (Even if You're Not Too Smart): Uncover the Secret Hiding Places of Stock Market Profits RC 45300
by Joel Greenblatt
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
A securities professional advises individual investors to research companies and develop personal stock portfolios. He suggests looking for opportunities in mergers, spin-offs, bankruptcies, asset sales, and other areas that are not generally considered by the average investor. 1997.

Daughter of the Queen of Sheba RC 45333
by Jacki Lyden
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
In this memoir Jacki Lyden recalls her mother's first nervous breakdown, when she imagined that she was the queen of Sheba and had bequeathed Mesopotamia to her daughter. While her mother journeyed through manic-depressive states, Jacki became a foreign correspondent and traveled to actual faraway places. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Trump: The Art of the Comeback RC 45334
by Donald J. Trump
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
Business tycoon Donald Trump explains how he came back from financial ruin in 1990 by making deals and taking risks. Gives his top ten comeback tips. Trump also discusses his disastrous marriages and prenuptial agreements. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Sources of Strength: Meditations on Scripture for a Living Faith RC 45421
by Jimmy Carter
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
A collection of Bible lessons used by the former president for teaching adult classes in Baptist churches he attended. The meditations emphasize the key themes of the importance of Christian love and God's redemptive grace. Includes anecdotes from the author's life. Bestseller 1997.

Dear Mister Rogers: Does It Ever Rain in Your Neighborhood? Letters to Mister Rogers RC 45482
by Fred Rogers
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Rogers, of the popular children's program *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*, presents letters he has received from children and adults through the years. Rogers discusses world issues, feelings and fears, family relationships, and death. 1996.

Life without George RC 46000
by Irene Kampen
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
The misadventures of two suburban divorcées who live in Connecticut with their respective children in the 1950s. They struggle with dating, household chores, parenting, daily crises, and frequent inquiries about their marital status. Basis for *The Lucy Show* that starred Lucille Ball. 1961.

Cassettes Fiction

Northern Borders RC 39940
by Howard Frank Mosher
read by Ray Dizefalo
2 cassettes
Now an adult, Austen Kittredge III recalls his years on a farm in northern Vermont. When Austen is six, his widowed father sends him to live with his grandparents. Austen learns much from this strangely embattled couple, a grandmother with a passion for Egyptology and a grandfather who is a surveyor and cartographer. Near the end of the grandfather's life, he tells Austen a secret he has shared with only his wife of fifty years. Some strong language. 1994.

No Reck'ning Made RC 40929
by Joanne Greenberg
read by Ardyth Heller
2 cassettes
When her mother dies, Clara knows that she must find a way to stay in school to overcome poverty and the stigma of being from the gulch. She earns a teaching certificate and is hired by Gold Flume, a mining town much like her home. Clara works hard to create a haven where children can learn and gain self-respect. After decades of success, she faces a fight for her job when wealthy and demanding outsiders move to the area. Some descriptions of sex. 1993.

The Texas Bank Robbing Company RC 40964
by Giles Tippette
read by Gregory Ricks
2 cassettes
Outlaw Wilson Young thinks robbing the steamboat will be a snap. Instead, he winds up in a Laredo jail. But he manages to escape, rejoin his gang, and establish The Texas Bank Robbing Company. A fast-paced adventure tale. Strong language. 1982.

But I Love You Anyway RC 40967
by Sara Lewis
read by Anne Mullen
2 cassettes
Fortyish, once widowed, and once divorced, Mimi is a partner with her sister, Eve, in a copy business. She is dealing with a lot: her dislike for Eve's new husband, who is being investigated for stealing from his last job; competition that threatens the business; a needy ex-husband; two kids; and a much younger suitor. Some strong language. 1996.

The Meadow RC 40980
by James Galvin
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
In a series of elegant vignettes, Galvin evokes the hundred-year history of a high-country meadow in the American West. He savors the weather, the wildlife, and the individuals who struggle to survive the harsh conditions. Of the meadow, Galvin states, "No one owns it, no one ever will." 1992.

The Secret of Sarah Revere RC 40983
by Ann Rinaldi
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
Many things happen at once in the life of Sarah, Paul Revere's thirteen-year-old daughter. Her father keeps secrets about his revolutionary activities, but Sarah learns of them through gossip. She is also troubled by Dr. Warren's attention to her stepmother and finds herself feeling jealous. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Water from the Well RC 40991
by Myra McLarey
read by Peggy Gilleland
1 cassette
It is 1919 in Arkansas when the white team of Sugars Spring meets the black team from nearby Bethel in a cow-pasture baseball game, the outcome of which upsets prevailing expectations. This and other dramatic events unfold in these stories of families, overlapping lives, and racial relations from the 1920s to the 1970s. Descriptions of sex. 1995.

Chance RC 40993
by Steve Shilstone
read by Larry Shapiro
1 cassette
An "oral biography" of fictitious Hall of Fame shortstop Chance Caine. The unnamed narrator admits that he lies to improve a story, then proceeds to chatter away about Caine's career, his poems and diaries, life in general, and baseball in particular. Some strong language. 1996.

Blood of the Fold: The Sword of Truth, Book 3 RC 41104
by Terry Goodkind
read by Nick Sullivan
4 cassettes
A group of fanatical zealots called Blood of the Fold joins forces with the evil emperor Jagang. War wizard Richard Cypher and his lover, mother confessor Kahlan Amnell, must combine their magical powers to fend off the impending Armageddon. Sequel to *Stone of Tears (RC 41792)*. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Mister Christian RC 41112
by William Kinsolving
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
In this take on the HMS *Bounty*, mutineer Fletcher Christian is captured by pirates, then escapes and rescues a woman with whom he finds love on a deserted island. Christian makes his way back to England where he changes his identity, returns to sea, and eventually reencounters the vengeful Bligh. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Seven Gothic Tales RC 42194
by Isak Dinesen
read by Laura Giannarelli
3 cassettes
These stories' opulent settings heighten the eeriness of the supernatural forces and almost madness that run throughout. "The Deluge at Norderney," about a flood in a resort town that forces a cardinal, a spinster, and two others to take refuge in a hayloft, is one of the author's best-known stories and illustrates her powers of observation and description. The life of the Danish baroness was the basis for the movie Out of Africa. 1934.

Old New York: Four Novellas RC 42245
by Edith Wharton
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Originally published in 1924, these four stories offer a glimpse of New York life in the 1840s, 1850s, 1860s, and 1870s and cover topics dealing with infidelity, illegitimacy, the class system, and the treatment of women. "False Dawn," set in the 1840s, shows a father's contempt for a son who does not follow his instructions to the letter. "New Year's Day," set in the 1870s, reveals the moti-

vation behind a woman's infidelity. 1924.

Ironman RC 42246
by Chris Crutcher
read by John Lescault
2 cassettes
After Bo Brewster's anger at the coach gets him thrown off the high school football team, he begins training in earnest for a triathalon. Another run-in with the coach gets Bo placed in an anger management class. Surprised at enjoying the group, Bo begins learning truths about his troubled relationship with his father, and by triathalon time the group members have become his training team. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

House Work RC 42314
by Kristina McGrath
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Anna and Guy Hallissey and their three children live in Pittsburgh. As is typical in the 1950s, Anna stays home, keeps house, and takes care of their children while Guy works at Radiant Oven Company. But Guy has problems—he stops off to have drinks on the way home, and he is becoming mentally unstable. Anna believes that either life is pleasant or it is her job to make it so. She immerses herself in housework as she struggles to maintain a happy home. 1994.

The Lady in the Lake RC 42315
by Raymond Chandler
read by Conrad Feininger
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A swaggering businessman hires hard-boiled Philip Marlowe to find his wife, who has been missing for a month. She sent her husband a note to say she was running off to remarry, but her "intended" denies seeing her. When a woman's body is pulled from the lake where the wife had been staying and the caretaker's wife also turns out to be missing, Marlowe begins expertly piecing the puzzle together. Some strong language and some violence. 1943.

Nightlines RC 42477
by Neil Jordan
read by John Lescault
2 cassettes
As Donal Gore awaits execution in a Madrid prison, he is sustained by memories of night fishing with his father back in Ireland. Unexpectedly freed, Donal returns home, betrays his pledge to the IRA, and enters into a love affair with his stepmother—despite the presence of his paralyzed father. "Betrayal seeds itself, like a weed through a garden," reflects Donal in this story of love and politics. 1994.

The Matisse Stories RC 42478
by A.S. Byatt
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Three novellas by the Booker Prize-winning author. The stories of seemingly ordinary women in everyday circumstances, which were inspired by three Matisse paintings, explore the nature of art and human relationships. The pain within the lives of these women is tempered by the kindnesses of those around them. The settings include a hair salon, the home of two artists, and a Chinese restaurant. 1993.

While the Messiah Tarries: Stories
RC 42482
by Melvin Jules Bukiet
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Nine stories, at times magical or comic and at other times mundane or tragic, describing the lives of Jews in America. In "Gematria," a woman's visit to New York's diamond district leaves the jeweler thinking about gematria, the transliteration of names and numbers, and about his own death. In "The Golden Calf and the Red Heifer," Kleinberg the butcher tries to hide the facts that he is a vegetarian and that his knife is not kosher. 1995.

Justice RC 42536
by Larry Watson
read by Michael Kramer
2 cassettes
Prequel to *Montana 1948 (RC 37940)*. A series of episodes dating from 1899 about the Hayden family. Tells how patriarch Julian Hayden settled in Montana; recounts sons Wesley and Frank's youthful adventure outside sheriff Julian's jurisdiction; and portrays Wesley's wife's misgivings about her husband. Strong language. 1995.

The Long Goodbye RC 42704
by Raymond Chandler
read by Conrad Feininger
2 cassettes
Something about Terry Lennox gets to hard-boiled Philip Marlowe: maybe the scars along his face, maybe the lost quality. When Lennox shows up with a gun, implies his wife lies murdered, and asks to be driven to Mexico, Marlowe doesn't want too many answers. But the intrigue and layers of deceit are only beginning, and Marlowe must untangle the tightly woven threads. Some violence and some strong language. 1953.

The Continental Op RC 42705
by Dashiell Hammett
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Seven stories that appeared in the magazine *Black Mask* during the twenties. They introduce Continental Op, the fat man from the Continental Detective Agency (modeled after the Pinkerton Agency where Hammett once worked) and reflect a world of cruelty and stealth. Some violence. 1923.

Lives of Girls and Women RC 42708
by Alice Munro
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes (Reissue)
In this coming-of-age story, bright, impressionable Del Jordan presents a young girl's view of happenings in the small 1940s Canadian town where she grows up. She describes the heartaches and dreams of the townspeople and her own struggle to understand life. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1971.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum
RC 42712
by Kate Atkinson
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
3 cassettes
"I exist!" Beginning with her conception above a Yorkshire pet shop in 1951, Ruby Lennox intermingles accounts of her adventures and misadventures with the history of four generations of her female ancestors. 1995 Whitbread Prize. 1995.

Raptor Red RC 42714
by Robert T. Bakker
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes
Widowed, somewhat slim Utahraptor in

search of large, tick-free velociraptor mate-for-life; must be family oriented, have good genes, enjoy hunting and gorging, and not be thin-skinned. The author of this "romance" novel, a world-renowned paleontologist, works information about these smart and deadly dinosaurs into an amusing tale of a year in the life of a female, Raptor Red. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Babel Tower RC 42872
by A.S. Byatt
read by Laura Giannarelli
5 cassettes
In mid-1960s England, an unhappily married Frederica lives in a country manor isolated from her Cambridge friends. After she flees with her son to make a new life, she becomes the focus of a court case over custody of her son and involved in an obscenity case for her part in publishing a lurid novel. Strong language. 1996.

A Better Place RC 43282
by Barbara Hall
read by Mimi Bederman
2 cassettes
As a girl, Valerie Caldwell was the belle of every ball in Maddock, Virginia. Now, after fourteen years as an aspiring movie star in Los Angeles, she returns home, hoping to recapture the joys of her youth. But things there have changed, and Valerie's return disrupts and alters the lives of her family and friends. Strong language. 1994.

Towing Jehovah RC 43408
by James Morrow
read by Ray Hagen
3 cassettes
God has died and fallen into the sea. With that news, sea captain Anthony Van Horne is recruited by a grieving Archangel Raphael to tow God's colossal corpse to a remote Arctic cave for burial. As Van Horne pursues the mission with his motley crew, he confronts a series of setbacks that satirize aspects of modern society. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

Gone Fishin' RC 43412
by Walter Mosley
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Prequel to *Devil in a Blue Dress (RC 32935)*. In 1939, Easy Rawlins and Mouse are two young men on a reckless road trip to wring money out of Mouse's loathsome stepfather. Their path to manhood is crossed by violence, lust, and tragedy. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The Bones of Time RC 43483
by Kathleen Ann Goonan
read by Dani Carr
3 cassettes
In twenty-first century Hawaii, young Cen is in love with a woman from the past, which drives him to solve the mysteries of time travel. Meanwhile Linda, a geneticist, rescues a clone derived from the bones of a long-dead Hawaiian king. The bones prove to be the key to time travel and help Cen and Linda join forces to liberate the exploited Hawaiian people. Strong language. 1996.

Summerspell RC 43526
by Jean Thesman
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
Fifteen-year-old Jocelyn Tyler lives with her half-sister, Hope, and Hope's husband, Gerald. But Jocelyn runs away to escape Gerald's sexual harassment and

holes up in her cherished family cabin, Summerspell. Much to her chagrin, Jocelyn is joined by Baily, a boy from school, and a stranger named Spider. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

The President's Mother RC 43528
by Gloria Whelan
read by June Carter
2 cassettes
In the year 2002, president Robert Lange launches a costly defense buildup in the face of foreign threats. Strapped for funds, Lange proposes draconian health-care cutbacks, which his mother bitterly opposes. When she threatens to divulge a secret that could wreck her son's career, the president moves to silence her. 1996.

The Great Longing RC 43531
by Marcel Möring
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
Sam van Dijk lost all memory of his childhood up to age twelve, when his parents died in a car wreck. Now, as a young adult, Sam is reunited with his brother and sister, who help him recover his past. With that, Sam is able to pursue his "great longing" for identity and love. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer RC 43648
by Steven Millhauser
read by Dick Jenkins
2 cassettes
From a boy working in his father's New York City cigar shop in the late 1800s, Martin Dressler rises to the pinnacle of entrepreneurial success during the early 1900s. His vision leads him to build the Grand Cosmo, the ultimate hotel, retail center, and theme park. Only later does he realize that "he had dreamed the wrong dream." 1996.

The Sword: The General, Book 5 RC 43665
by S.M. Stirling and David Drake
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Steel (RC 43664)*, the last of the barbarian forces—the Brigade—has submitted to the authority of the Federation, but the fighting continues. Meanwhile Governor Barholm Clerett considers the powerful General Raj Whitehall a traitor and wants him dead. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Talons of Eagles RC 44013
by William W. Johnstone
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Dreams of Eagles (RC 44012)*, Jamie MacCallister joins the Confederate cause in the Civil War as leader of MacCallister's Marauders. When the tide of the war turns in favor of the North and some Union troops resort to rape and pillage, the Marauders become a swift agent of revenge. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Rumble Fish RC 44103
by S.E. Hinton
read by John Lescault
1 cassette (Reissue)
Rusty-James, the toughest guy in the junior high crowd, idolizes his older brother, a mean street fighter. But when Rusty-James tries to emulate his brother, trouble erupts. For junior and senior high readers. 1975.

Dune RC 44126
by Frank Herbert
read by J.P. Linton
4 cassettes (Reissue)
In this science fiction novel with sociological and religious overtones, an exile with psychic powers becomes the prophet of the savage people on the planet Dune. Prequel to *Dune Messiah (RC 19126)*. 1965.

Diary of a Loving Heart: Love Is a Gentle Stranger, Volume 3 RC 44257
by June Masters Bacher
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
Chris Beth struggles to deal with the death of her sister, Vangie; the diary she left behind; and a host of other problems that test her faith. Sequel to *Love's Silent Song (RC 44256)*. 1984.

The Adventurers RC 44275
by Harold Robbins
read by Chuck Young
5 cassettes
Chronicle of the life of Diogenes Alejandro Xenos, known to most as Dax, a strong man both feared and loved by men and women, a man whose favor is sought by many. His is a tale of revolutions, high finance, and high fashion on an international playground. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1966.

Waverley; or, 'Tis Sixty Years Since RC 44321
by Sir Walter Scott
read by George Holmes
5 cassettes
This historical novel, the first in English and the first fiction work by this author, tells of Edward Waverley, a romantic captain in the royal army, who resigns his commission and proposes marriage to an ardent supporter of the Stuart cause. Rejected, he enters the service of Prince Charles Edward and becomes a rebel. 1814.

Table for Five RC 44326
by Sean Hardie
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
When appealing Julia Cornwall offers British freelance television producer Charlie Kavanagh big bucks to produce a rush show on the Israeli foreign minister, Charlie is amazed. After Julia introduces Charlie to the portly American funding the project, Charlie boards his plane, blissfully unaware that not only is the fat man just an actor, but he's now a dead actor. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1991.

Invasion of Privacy: A John Francis Cuddy Mystery RC 44336
by Jeremiah Healy
read by Nick Sullivan
2 cassettes
Boston P.I. John Cuddy is hired by Russian immigrant banker Olga Evorova to investigate her boyfriend, Andrew Dees. Although she loves Dees, she is concerned because he won't discuss his past and may just be after her money. Cuddy's interrogation of Dees's neighbors has unexpected results. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Five Red Herrings RC 44340
by Dorothy L. Sayers
read by Tom Martin
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Though Kirkcudbright, a proud Scottish village, was not ordinarily tolerant of outsiders, Lord Peter Wimsey always

felt welcome. Then one day the village offered him something in his own line of work—a corpse. 1931.

The Voice at the Back Door RC 44342
by Elizabeth Spencer
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
Lacey, Mississippi, in the 1950s. The new sheriff, Duncan Harper, who is chosen because he was a popular college football player, tries to uphold the law fairly, despite the deep-rooted racial tensions that divide the citizens. But changes coming to the South bring conflict and new problems. Some strong language and some violence. 1956.

The Golden Compass: His Dark Materials, Book 1 RC 44343
by Philip Pullman
read by Suzanne Toren
3 cassettes
A tale set in Victorian England on an alternate Earth. Young Lyra Belacqua and her daemon enjoy an idyllic life among the scholars at Jordan College. Then her friend Roger and other children are abducted by the Gobblers. Venturing north in pursuit, Lyra encounters an alien and sinister world. Violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Death at the President's Lodging RC 44344
by Michael Innes
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
When Josiah Umpleby of England's St. Anthony's College is murdered, the faculty members attempt to throw suspicion on one another, leaving Inspector John Appleby with too much evidence. 1936.

Smallbone Deceased RC 44345
by Michael Gilbert
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
The elder Horniman—of the firm of Horniman, Birley, and Craine—has died and his son Bob has just taken his place. Bob is now co-trustee with a Mr. Smallbone on one of the firm's large accounts. But when Horniman is unsuccessful in contacting Smallbone to discuss the account, he opens the deed box himself and finds Mr. Smallbone's body. 1950.

Strong as Death RC 44347
by Sharan Newman
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
In this medieval mystery, a couple journeys to a shrine to pray for fertility. En route they join a motley group of other pilgrims, some of whom suffer fatal mishaps. The wife and husband follow clues leading to an old wrong and a vengeful killer. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Two-Headed Eagle RC 44348
by John Biggins
read by Robert Blumenfeld
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Emperor's Coloured Coat (RC 43006)*, Austro-Hungarian naval officer Otto Prohaska is ordered to the flying service on the embattled Italian front in 1916. Though Prohaska and his fragile plane are tested to the limit in aerial combat, he finds the main obstacle to victory to be his own incompetent superiors. Violence. 1993.

The Heart of Danger RC 44349
by Gerald Seymour
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
The body of a young British woman is found in a mass grave in war-torn Bosnia. On the case is former British agent Bill Penn, whose search focuses on a powerful Serbian warlord. Penn makes a daring attempt to capture the culprit and bring him to justice for war crimes. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Monkey House RC 44350
by John Fullerton
read by Richard Davidson
2 cassettes
In strife-torn Sarajevo, police find the body of a murdered woman who had been a police informer. When the evidence leads to a local crime boss, police superintendent Rosso seeks the aid of an American journalist to finger the thug. Their joint effort triggers an international incident. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Courage under Fire RC 44351
by Patrick Sheane Duncan
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
His army career stalled by a friendly fire incident during the Gulf War, Lieutenant Colonel Nat Serling is handed the job of finding out whether a female chopper pilot deserves the Medal of Honor. Serling sorts through conflicting evidence to uncover a truth that could destroy the woman's reputation but save his own career. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Hercule Poirot's Christmas RC 44355
by Agatha Christie
read by Tom Martin
2 cassettes (Reissue)
As the holiday guest of Colonel Johnson, chief constable of his county, the little Belgian detective Poirot spends his Christmas investigating the brutal and baffling murder of rich, eccentric old Simeon Lee. 1938.

The Man in the Brown Suit RC 44356
by Agatha Christie
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Pretty Anne Beddingfeld witnesses the death of a man when he falls on the tracks at a London tube station. She also observes a man in a brown suit who examines the body and drops a piece of paper as he hurries away. 1924.

Ragtime RC 44378
by E.L. Doctorow
read by Jeff Baker
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A story set in 1906 New York that incorporates luminaries of the period, including Theodore Roosevelt, Sigmund Freud, and Emma Goldman. A ragtime musician from Harlem falls victim to racist vandalism and seeks redress through violence. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1974.

Look Away RC 44411
by Harold Coyle
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes
Following the accidental death of a young woman for whom they both had an affection, James and Kevin Bannon are sent off to school. Because of the growing conflict between the North and South, their father sends one to Virginia while the other stays in New Jer-

sey. And as civil war breaks out, they find themselves facing one another in battle. Prequel to *Until the End (RC 44412)*. Some strong language. 1995.

The Ship of Ishtar RC 44420
by A. Merritt
read by Ted Stoddard
2 cassettes
While convalescing from injuries sustained in World War I, John Kenton receives a mysterious block of stone from an archaeologist whose work he is supporting. Upon cracking open the stone, he suddenly finds himself on the deck of a Babylonian ship accompanied by the priestess of Ishtar and the priests of Nergal. Some strong language and some violence. 1924.

The Unlikely Angel RC 44437
by Betina Krahn
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
London, 1882. Aunt Olivia often asked Madeline Duncan what she would do with a million pounds. Now Madeline has become extremely wealthy. But her aunt's solicitors are appalled at Madeline's plans to do good with the money and have an overseer appointed to watch her—the very attractive Cole Mandeville. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Mistress of Mellyn RC 44443
by Victoria Holt
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes (Reissue)
For an impoverished gentlewoman like Martha Leigh, twenty-four, there are few options other than becoming a governess. Martha has come to Mount Mellyn in Cornwall to care for Connan TreMellyn's daughter Alvean. Martha soon discovers her pupil's mother was murdered, and that she is in danger of the same fate. 1960.

***Journey into Christmas* and Other Stories RC 44446**
by Bess Streeter Aldrich
read by Camille McCurty Ali
1 cassette (Reissue)
A dozen short stories that embody the traditional warmth and sentimentality of the Christmas season. In addition to the title story, includes "The Drum Goes Dead," "The Man Who Caught the Weather," and recollections of an Iowa childhood in "I Remember." 1949.

Nightwood RC 44449
by Djuna Barnes
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
The story of a femme fatale, Robin Vote, whose elusive and enigmatic spirit ruins the lives of her husband, "Baron" Volkbein, their child, and Nora and Jenny, the two women who are obsessed with her. With an introduction by T.S. Eliot. Some strong language. 1937.

The Crazy Hunter RC 44453
by Kay Boyle
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Mrs. Lombe has long resented her husband, considering him a failure, particularly after he pays too much for their daughter's horse. When the horse becomes blind, Mrs. Lombe wants him destroyed, but father and daughter unite to oppose her. 1940.

Total Eclipse RC 44454
by Liz Rigbey
read by Michele Schaeffer
4 cassettes
Lomax, an astronomer, falls for his seductive new assistant, Julia, but soon

learns she is about to stand trial for the brutal murders of her husband and stepdaughter. As Lomax's affair with her deepens, he uncovers a tangled web of relationships in his lover's past, particularly between Julia and each of her late husband's children. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Other End of Time RC 44464
by Frederik Pohl
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes
A diverse group of humans investigating an abandoned orbital laboratory are kidnapped by aliens. The humans find themselves in a nightmarish environment of advanced technology, clones of themselves, and warring alien factions. But the biggest threat to their survival may well be their own interpersonal clashes. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Like Mother, Like Daughter RC 44466
by Marcia Rose
read by Annie Wauters
4 cassettes
Portrays four generations of twentieth-century women striving to maintain independence but finding motherhood a struggle. Leah, the matriarch, is a journalist championing women's rights, Jo becomes a World War II photographer, Sarah is a singer and songwriter, and Annie is a comedienne. Strong language. 1994.

Daggerspell RC 44481
by Katharine Kerr
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
Tale derived from Celtic mythology. With the birth of a girl named Jill, the sorceror Nevyn has the chance to right a wrong he committed more than four hundred years ago when he caused the death of two young lovers. Prequel to *Darkspell (RC 44482)*. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

Darkspell RC 44482
by Katharine Kerr
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Daggerspell (RC 44481)*, Lord Rhodry and Jill move closer to danger as they attempt to recover the Great Stone. And the sorcerer Nevyn can only watch and hope for the best, since he has vowed not to interfere in their lives. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Collected Stories RC 44489
by Isaac Babel
read by Ken Kliban
3 cassettes
Fifty-four stories by the noted Russian writer. Includes several of his semifictional "autobiographical" stories, as well as selections from *Red Cavalry*, tales of his service in the Red Army in 1920 during Russia's civil war, and *Odessa Stories*, a collection of vignettes about Russian Jewish life. 1994.

The Luck of the Bodkins RC 44490
by P.G. Wodehouse
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes (Reissue)
This tale by the English humorist introduces a group of droll characters en route to Hollywood on the R.M.S. *Atlantic*. Combines fun with three on, off, on-again romances, a model steward, and a diamond necklace. 1935.

Uncle Silas: A Tale of Bartram-Haugh RC 44497
by J.S. Le Fanu
read by Barbara Caruso
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Maud Ruthyn, the heroine of this classic Victorian novel, recalls her fear of death, her moody father, the grotesque Madame de la Rougierre, and the suspicions surrounding her Uncle Silas. New introduction by Frederick Shroyer. 1966.

A Caribbean Mystery RC 44500
by Agatha Christie
read by Carmella Ross
1 cassette (Reissue)
Miss Marple, vacationing on a Caribbean island, is listening to a major who is suddenly interrupted as he is about to show her a photograph of a murderer he has known. The next day the major dies suspiciously, and several murders occur before Miss Marple remembers the detail that helps unravel the mystery. 1964.

The Inimitable Jeeves RC 44504
by P.G. Wodehouse
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes (Reissue)
When a longtime chum of Bertie Wooster falls in love with a girl at a dance, he asks Bertie to enlist the aid of the incomparable Jeeves to smooth matters over. 1951.

Lying Together RC 44505
by D.M. Thomas
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
Conclusion of the Russian Nights quintet of novels in which the central theme is improvisation. In this volume, the author himself assumes the character of a writer who meets old friends at a conference. Their reminiscences form sequential patterns that play out like jazz, creating tension and resolution with eternal motifs like truth and lies or life and death. Sequel to *Summit (RC 44517)*. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1990.

Eight Stories RC 44506
by Dylan Thomas
read by Graeme Malcolm
1 cassette
Eight short stories by the noted Welsh writer and poet: "The End of the River," "The School for Witches," "The Peaches," "Just like Little Dogs," "Old Garbo," "One Warm Saturday," "Plenty of Furniture," and "The Followers." 1954.

Complete Short Stories RC 44510
by Robert Graves
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
Stories by the celebrated British writer on themes both fictional and autobiographical. In "Interview with a Dead Man," the subject belies his lifeless condition with animated banter about his estate and ambitions for the netherworld. 1995.

Sphinx RC 44511
by D.M. Thomas
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
Set in various cold-war capitals during the twentieth century, this novel encompasses verse, drama, and prose. Themes are both fantastic and realistic, portraying espionage, love and betrayal, and truth and lies, symbolizing the state of the Soviet regime. Third in the Russian Nights quintet, following *Ararat (RC 19387)* and *Swallow (RC 38668)*. Strong language. 1986.

Very Good, Jeeves! RC 44515
by P.G. Wodehouse
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Eleven stories about the resourceful Jeeves, manservant to the irresponsible Bertie Wooster. In these tales Jeeves extricates Bertie from overwhelming dilemmas. 1930.

Maigret and the Millionaires RC 44516
by Georges Simenon
read by Gordon Gould
1 cassette (Reissue)
A rich British colonel is found dead in his bath, while his mistress vanishes mysteriously from her hospital bed. Inspector Maigret is off to the champagne playgrounds of the wealthy on a case he would much rather avoid. 1974.

The Dream Merchants RC 44552
by Harold Robbins
read by James DeLotel
4 cassettes
This tale of the American movie industry chronicles the rise of Johnny Edge, a pioneer Hollywood moviemaker, and the men and women who sold their souls and their bodies for a piece of the action. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1949.

1876 RC 44566
by Gore Vidal
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Sequel to *Burr (RC 44097)* that evokes the New York and Washington of 1876 and deals with the contested presidential election between Samuel Tilden and Rutherford B. Hayes. Burr's unacknowledged son returns from Paris to write about the U.S. political scene, seek financial security for himself, and find a good marriage for his titled widowed daughter. 1976.

The Cursed RC 44567
by Dave Duncan
read by Madelyn Buzzard
4 cassettes
The few who survive "star sickness" possess magical powers that are both helpful and destructive, but the law requires these "cursed" individuals to be banished from the empire. Innkeeper Gwin Solith, whose husband and children fell to the dreaded disease, faces a dramatic change when she illegally shelters a young stranger. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Gladly, the Cross-Eyed Bear RC 44572
by Ed McBain
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes
No longer a cuddly plaything, Gladly, a teddy bear, is first the subject of a copyright trial and then a possible motive for murder. After recovering from a gunshot wound in *There Was a Little Girl (RC 40487)*, Matthew Hope defends Lainie, a beautiful, but questionable, toy designer. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Stars in Their Courses: The Appomattox Saga, Book 8 RC 44573
by Gilbert Morris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
In the summer of 1863, Frank Rocklin, who would rather act than fight, joins a theater group in Washington, D.C., as a spy. Before long, his abilities are recognized by Allan Pinkerton, who sends Rocklin on a secret mission as part of an acting troupe touring the South. But

perhaps the greatest danger he faces may come from an actress. Sequel to *Wall of Fire (RC 41585)*. 1995.

King and Emperor: The Hammer and the Cross, Book 3 RC 44574
by Harry Harrison and John Holm
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
Sequel to *One King's Way (RC 41357)*, set during an alternate Dark Ages. The warrior Shef has become king of the North and faces confrontation with the Holy Roman Empire. When his invading fleet is threatened by the dreaded Greek fire, he seeks to regain the advantage through technological innovation. Violence. 1996.

Saint Camber: The Legends of Camber of Culdi, Volume 2 RC 44587
by Katherine Kurtz
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
Although Camber has seen to the overthrow of Imre and the return of a Haldane king, Cinhil, to the throne of Gwynedd, he still cannot rest. Imre's sister Ariella is plotting to overthrow Cinhil. But Cinhil resents having been taken from his monastic studies and is not inclined to listen to Camber. Sequel to *Camber of Culdi (RC 44586)*. Some violence. 1978.

Camber the Heretic: The Legends of Camber of Culdi, Volume 3 RC 44588
by Katherine Kurtz
read by Erik Sandvold
4 cassettes
Twelve years ago, in order to help King Cinhil maintain peace between humans and the Deryni, Camber "died" and then took on the form of Bishop Allister Cullen. Now, however, King Cinhil is dying and his weak son will be no match for those whose hatred of the Deryni will bring an end to the current peace. Sequel to *Saint Camber (RC 44587)*. Some violence. 1981.

Vengeance of Orion RC 44642
by Ben Bova
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
Orion must do the bidding of his creator Ormazd, who wants to change time and history. Ormazd sends Orion back to the ancient world of Greece to participate as a warrior in the Trojan War and to rescue Helen of Troy. Sequel to *Orion (RC 44641)*. Violence. 1988.

The Death of Friends RC 44671
by Michael Nava
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Attorney Henry Rios is shocked when a scared young man who claims to be the lover of Henry's law school friend, L.A. Superior Court judge Chris Chandler, describes finding Chris dead. Unlike Henry, Chris vowed never to "come out of the closet." Why hadn't he told Henry that he had left his wife and son for a man? And did one of them kill him? Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Ramparts of Heaven: The Wakefield Dynasty, Volume 5 RC 44700
by Gilbert Morris
read by Lynn Schrichte
2 cassettes
The mines are closing in Wales, so Gareth, sixteen, and his sister Dorcas, eighteen, are grateful to accept their relatives' invitation to live in England. Cousin Andrew, studying for the priesthood, comes to accompany them. Soon the three young people are caught up in the spiritual revival that is sweeping the

land. Sequel to *The Fields of Glory (RC 44280)*. 1997.

The Killing Star RC 44727
by Charles Pellegrino
and George Zebrowski
read by Stephen Angus
2 cassettes
In 2076 an unknown alien race attacks the solar system, obliterating life on Earth and in the human colonies on the other planets. The handful of humans left alive in space stations between the planets find themselves hiding and trying to come to grips with the imminent extinction of their species. Some strong language. 1995.

London RC 44752
by Edward Rutherfurd
read by Graeme Malcolm
7 cassettes
A tale spanning two millennia of London history, as revealed in the lives and fortunes of generations of six imaginary families. Traces the city's evolution from a small trading port to a flourishing metropolis. Touches on the natural, social, and political aspects of England's capital. Violence. Bestseller 1997.

Second Skin RC 44827
by Eric Lustbader
read by David Hartley-Margolin
4 cassettes
In this sequel to *Floating City (RC 39345)*, Mafia boss Mick Leonforte schemes to take over the Japanese underworld from an old friend of Nicholas Linnear. Linnear's own livelihood and personal safety are also threatened as he moves to thwart the mob. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Planet of Twilight RC 44829
by Barbara Hambly
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, and the heroes of the New Republic continue their struggle against forces of the Empire when the ruthless warlord Seti Draconis decides to take over the mysterious planet Renat Chorios. But Renat Chorios harbors a deadly secret that neither the Empire nor the New Republic is prepared to face. A Star Wars novel. Bestseller 1997.

Death of a Hawker RC 44832
by Janwillem van de Wetering
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Normally placid Newmarket Square is shaken by the discovery of a street vendor's body, his head bludgeoned. Amsterdam detectives Grijpstra and de Gier narrow the field to two suspects: the sister of the deceased and a house boarder. Then a reluctant witness helps to finger the culprit. Violence. 1977.

Night Passage RC 44848
by Robert B. Parker
read by Michael Stanton
2 cassettes
Jesse Stone is a thirty-five-year-old washout from the L.A.P.D. homicide unit. Recently divorced, alcoholic Stone accepts a job in a small town in Massachusetts. He soon finds himself in the middle of white supremacists, the mob from Boston, and local misconduct. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Outrageous Fortune RC 44872
by Patricia Wentworth
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
Is he Jimmy Riddell or Jim Randal? Following an accident on a coastal steamer headed to Scotland, he was rescued and taken to the hospital. In a semiconscious state, he keeps muttering the name Jimmy Riddell, and that is the name the hospital advertises when looking for relatives. Two women come to claim him, and soon a picturesque village becomes a crime scene. 1933.

Winds of Graystone Manor: The St. Clare Trilogy, Volume 1 RC 44873
by B.J. Hoff
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Haunted by the death of his wife and their unborn child, Civil War photographer Roman St. Clare has come to Staten Island in 1867 to search for the killer. He is staying at Graystone Manor, owned by the charming Amanda Fairchild. Amanda is suspicious of Roman because of several incidents on the island, but she eventually joins him in his struggle between good and evil. 1995.

White Star RC 44875
by James Thayer
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Owen Gray, once an expert marine sniper in Vietnam, is now an assistant U.S. attorney in New York and the adoptive father of three Asian children. When a mysterious sniper begins picking off people around him, the reluctant former marksman takes up the challenge for a showdown. Violence and some strong language. 1995.

Simon's Night RC 44880
by Jon Hassler
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Retired English professor Simon Shea, seventy-six, recently checked himself into a home for the aged but then realizes he is not yet ready to forsake the world. As he reminisces about his life and past loves, he forms new friendships and is reunited with his estranged wife. 1979.

Slow Dancing on Dinosaur Bones RC 44882
by Lana Witt
read by Robert Sams
3 cassettes
Greed and suspicion invade the town of Pick, Kentucky (population 900), when the Conroy Coal Company begins pressing homeowners to sign over coal-mining rights beneath the quiet streets and houses. Town residents, including a few downright eccentrics, oppose the company's efforts, creating a tale of gothic-style suspense cast in small-town America. 1996.

Mind Light RC 44885
by Margaret Davis
read by Stephen Angus
3 cassettes
The Michaelsons are in danger of losing their starship unless they can find another pilot. Greg Lukas is available, but his personality is prickly and there is some disgrace in his past. The Michaelsons give him the job, but become apprehensive when Lukas begins recalling suppressed memories. Some violence. 1992.

Cheap Ticket to Heaven RC 44891
by Charlie Smith
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
After Clare springs husband Jack from prison, the couple sets off on a violent and destructive spree through the South and Midwest. Driven by memories of dysfunctional childhoods and dreams of revenge, the pair is drawn into a bloody family feud. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Cloud's Rider RC 44893
by C.J. Cherryh
read by Vanessa Maroney
3 cassettes
Danny Fisher and his nighthorse, Cloud, rescue three children from a village destroyed by telepathic predators. Danny and Cloud battle the rigors of the High Wild winter to bring the youths to safety. But more perilous dangers await them, including human greed and a powerful rogue nighthorse. Sequel to *Rider at the Gate (RC 42261)*. Strong language. 1996.

With Child RC 44894
by Laurie R. King
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
San Francisco detective Kate Martinelli is reeling from being left by her girlfriend, when Jules, the twelve-year-old daughter of her work partner's fiancée, asks for help. After assisting her, Kate inadvertently puts Jules in the path of a serial killer, and Jules disappears. Strong language and some violence. 1996.

Mrs. Pollifax and the Lion Killer RC 44902
by Dorothy Gilman
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Kadi Hopkirk, whose missionary parents were killed in Ubangiba, Africa, has received an urgent request from her childhood friend Sammat for help in maintaining peace in his country. Ubangiba is plagued by murders that resemble lion maulings—but there are no lions in Ubangiba. Mrs. Pollifax refuses to let Kadi go alone, so they are off to Africa to help Sammat. Some violence. 1996.

Secret Place of Thunder: Cheney Duvall M.D., Volume 5 RC 44907
by Lynn and Gilbert Morris
read by Suzanne Toren
3 cassettes
Cheney Duvall and her nurse, Shiloh Irons, have finally reached New Orleans. But even as they are poling up the bayou to Cheney's aunts' plantation, both realize strange things are going on along the shore. They soon discover a priestess has put a curse on the plantation and its indigo crop. Sequel to *Toward the Sunrising (RC 44908)*. 1996.

¡Yo! RC 44910
by Julia Alvarez
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Yolanda's friends and the Garcia family from *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents (RC 34544)* want revenge! Yolanda has written about their lives and secrets in her popular novel. Now it is their turn to speak their minds about her. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

An Imperfect Spy RC 44915
by Amanda Cross
read by Barbara Caruso
1 cassette
When Kate Fansler and her husband become visiting professors at Schuyler Law School, they have more than academic matters to consider. Dismayed by the rampant sexism on campus, Kate looks into the suspicious death of a feminist professor and the conviction of a battered faculty wife for murder. 1995.

Braveheart RC 44916
by Randall Wallace
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
As a boy in 1276, William Wallace lost his father and brother at the hands of the English, who fought the Scots for control of Scotland. Now a young man, Wallace wages a battle to avenge the death of his family and crush the tyranny of England. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Paradise RC 44917
by Abdulrazak Gurnah
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
When he is sent to live with his "uncle" Aziz, twelve-year-old Yusuf is unaware that his father has sold him into slavery to pay off a debt. He works in Aziz's shop and then travels across East Africa with a trade caravan. Yusuf comes of age in an atmosphere of cultural tensions among African Muslims, Indian traders, and European colonists. Some strong language. 1994.

A Time for Silence RC 44928
by Philippa Carr
read by Barbara Caruso
2 cassettes
Britishers Lucinda and Annabelinda, who have been friends since childhood, are delighted when they both have the chance to attend an exclusive finishing school in Belgium. But an indiscretion on the part of Annabelinda and the beginning of World War I send both girls fleeing back to England and an uncertain future. 1991.

The Case of the Fugitive Nurse RC 44936
by Erle Stanley Gardner
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Perry Mason takes on the case of Steffanie Malden, the beautiful widow of a prominent doctor recently killed in a plane crash. It appears that the victim's money has disappeared along with his former nurse and girlfriend. As Mason probes, new problems arise, including an IRS investigation and a murder charge brought against his client. 1954.

Knights RC 44937
by Linda Lael Miller
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
At the age of five, Megan Saunders walked through an opening in a wall and found herself in the thirteenth century, where she is called Gloriana and betrothed to Dane St. Gregory. Now several years later, Gloriana's husband returns from years at war, and she hopes to finally become his true wife. But he has brought home another woman. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

A Woman's Place RC 44942
by Barbara Delinsky
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Wife, mother, and entrepreneur Clare Raphael is the model of a successful woman. Then her life is shattered when she is served with divorce and eviction papers. As Clare struggles for her rights in a biased court system, she receives needed support and succor from her business partner. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Devil in the Sky RC 44943
by Greg Cox and
John Gregory Betancourt
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
The life-forms of Janus VI, called the Hortas, have the ability to burn through solid rock and metal as easily as humans walk through air. Commander Sisko of *Deep Space Nine* gets involved when a mother Horta is abducted by Cardassians while being transported to Bajor to help with the mining industry. A Star Trek: *Deep Space Nine* novel. 1995.

Christmas Belles RC 44945
by Susan Carroll
read by Ann Hodapp
1 cassette
On Christmas Eve 1805, Sir Waverly died en route to Portugal while on a diplomatic mission. Now two years later, Captain William Trent, guardian of Waverly's four daughters, has come to Windhaven Manor in Norfolk to take over the estate he inherited and to marry the eldest sister. But as his wedding day approaches, Trent realizes he is marrying the wrong woman. 1992.

Here There Be Dragons RC 44946
by John Peel
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the starship *Enterprise* discover a world of knights, serfs, and dragons reminiscent of Earth's Middle Ages. The technology driving this new world is by no means primitive, however, and before long the *Enterprise* is under attack from an unknown but highly sophisticated weapons system. A Star Trek: The Next Generation novel. 1993.

Far from Home RC 44947
by Georgia Bockoven
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
Adam Kirkpatric is fishing near his California town when he sees a woman jump off a cliff into the sea. Rescuing her, Adam finds himself drawn to this mysterious Miranda Dolan. Although he finally wins her trust, Miranda refuses to discuss her nightmarish past. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Chariots in the Smoke: The Appomattox Saga, Book 9 RC 44948
by Gilbert Morris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
As the Civil War heads toward Vicksburg, David Rocklin arrives in search of salt and barrels to take back to Richmond. When he meets Leah Cleburne, a true Confederate, David is forced to make a tough decision: maintain his stand against slavery or become a Confederate soldier for the woman he loves. Sequel to *Stars in Their Courses (RC 44573)*. 1997.

I, Tom Horn RC 44951
by Will Henry
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
In this fictional autobiography of the legendary cavalry scout, rodeo rider, and Pinkerton detective, the author deals with the question, "Did Tom Horn kill fourteen-year-old Willie Nickell in 1901, or was he, in fact, framed?" Strong language. 1975.

Songs in Ordinary Time RC 44955
by Mary McGarry Morris
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
5 cassettes
In the summer of 1960, a young Vermont boy, Benjy, sees Earlie Jones and con man Omar Duvall fighting in the woods near his home. Earlie is later found dead. When Duvall insinuates himself into the lives of Benjy's family, Benjy's mother—divorced from her alcoholic husband—is particularly vulnerable. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1995.

Out to Canaan: The Mitford Years, Volume 4 RC 44958
by Jan Karon
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
Changes are coming to the small town of Mitford. Father Tim Kavanagh, the Episcopal priest, and his wife Cynthia are thinking about retirement, the two candidates for mayor seem to be splitting the town in half, the bakery may be closing, and a real estate company out of Florida wants to turn Fernbank into a spa. Sequel to *These High, Green Hills (RC 44196)*. Bestseller 1997.

Crystal Line RC 44960
by Anne McCaffrey
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Now almost two centuries old, Killashandra Ree enjoys the longevity conferred by her trade as a crystal cutter on the planet Ballybran. But the crystal symbiont also causes a progressive loss of memory. When her longtime lover investigates a new crystal that can restore her memories, she faces a difficult choice. Sequel to *Killashandra (RC 24201)*. Some descriptions of sex. 1992.

Comanche Moon RC 45001
by Larry McMurtry
read by Bob Askey
5 cassettes
In this sequel to *Dead Man's Walk (RC 43928)* and prequel to *Lonesome Dove (RC 22959)*, Texas Rangers McCrae and Call face Comanche raids and attacks by bandits, aid white settlers in the region, and try to survive frontier hardships. Some strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Midnight Lady RC 45017
by Rosemary Rogers
read by Barbara Caruso
2 cassettes
In 1816, Kyla Van Vleet returns to London to claim her share of the estate of her late father, the duke of Wolverton. When the heir to the title, American Brett Banning, denies her right, virginal Kyla threatens to ruin his reputation by becoming a whore as her mother had been forced to do. Explicit descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. Bestseller 1997.

Dreams of My Russian Summers
RC 45019
by Andreï Makine
read by Ken Kliban
2 cassettes
A Soviet youth imbibes his French grandmother's tales of Paris and the Soviet Revolution during his summer visits to her home on the steppes. His fascination with her and her stories transcends his Russian life and leads him eventually to France. Some violence. Winner of top French literary awards: the Prix Goncourt and the Prix Médicis. Bestseller 1995.

Underworld RC 45021
by Don DeLillo
read by John Stratton
5 cassettes
This narrative starts at the end of the cold war in the early 1990s and works back to 1951 when baseball and the atomic bomb dominated headlines in American newspapers. The private lives of Nick Shay, a waste disposal manager, and Klara Sax, an ecology-minded artist, intermingle with public events and historic characters. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation: An Amanda Pepper Mystery RC 45044
by Gillian Roberts
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Philadelphia teacher Amanda Pepper, previously in *Caught Dead in Philadelphia (RC 37547)*, is invited to vacation in Atlantic City with her friend Sasha Berg. Sasha later finds a dead man in her bed and is arrested for murder. With the help of Amanda's police boyfriend and some colorful locals, Amanda hunts for the real killer. 1994.

A Crack in Forever RC 45052
by Jeannie Brewer
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
When illustrator Alexandra Taylor meets sexy medical student Eric Moro, she drops her steady boyfriend and begins a whirlwind relationship with Eric. After she happily accepts his marriage proposal, they learn Eric is HIV-positive. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1996.

The Riddle of the Sands: A Record of Secret Service RC 45072
by Erskine Childers
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Bestseller, first published in 1903, combines adventure at sea with intrigue. The Baltic vacation of two friends aboard the yacht *Dulcibella* is disrupted by the discovery of a German plan to invade their British homeland. Carefully details the men's achievements in seamanship and espionage. 1903.

Chances Are RC 45074
by Robin Lee Hatcher
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
In 1886, actress Faith Butler must quit her job with a traveling troupe and stay in the small town of Dead Horse, Wyoming, until her ill daughter recovers. Reclusive rancher Drake Rutledge reluctantly hires Faith as a housekeeper even though he has avoided women since an accident that cost him an eye. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Criminals RC 45075
by Margot Livesey
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
En route to visit his sister Mollie in Scotland, London banker Ewan Munro finds an abandoned baby, whom he carries along. Munro is unaware that the child has been stolen from her mother and that the infant's father, intent on extortion, is trailing him. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Set-Up RC 45077
by Paul Erdman
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
Charles Black, retired chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, is abruptly arrested by Swiss police for securities fraud. Frustrated in her attempts to obtain diplomatic assistance, Black's wife joins forces with a shadowy stranger and uncovers an international conspiracy in which Black is a hapless victim. 1997.

Masquerade RC 45080
by B.J. Hoff
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
Danni St. John has returned to her hometown of Red Oak, Alabama, to work as the editor of the newspaper being published by the Colony, a cult that has established a compound just outside of town. She soon finds herself involved in a series of terrifying events, which she investigates with the aid of Sheriff Logan McGarey, with whom she is falling in love. 1996.

The Book of Lamentations RC 45081
by Rosario Castellanos
read by Gabriella Cavallero
3 cassettes
A tale of social and racial conflict set in the Mexican state of Chiapas in 1930. Describes events that precipitate a Mayan Indian rebellion against the dominant Ladino class. Culminates in a harrowing, redemptive crucifixion of a child. Originally published in 1962. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Puttermesser Papers RC 45082
by Cynthia Ozick
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Ruth Puttermesser is ousted from her job, but a golem she creates from the soil in her flowerpots helps her become mayor of New York City. The creature turns troublesome and eventually has to be destroyed. Ruth's love life, modeled on that of George Eliot, does not work out until after her death. But even then Ruth discovers that Paradise is not what she expected. Some violence. 1997.

Murder in the House RC 45084
by Margaret Truman
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Paul Latham, a longtime member of the House of Representatives, is nominated to be secretary of state. No one expects any problems with his confirmation hearing until one of his staffers files sexual harassment charges against him. When the congressman is found dead of an apparent suicide, many questions arise. Some strong language. 1997.

The Activist's Daughter RC 45088
by Ellyn Bache
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
1963. For Beryl Rosinsky, going to college has always been about more than getting an education; she wants to escape her mother's political activism. Then Beryl's firsthand encounters with

bigotry and hypocrisy at the University of North Carolina cause her to examine her own values and principles. Some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Heart of War RC 45089
by Lucian K. Truscott
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
When a female lieutenant is murdered at Fort Benning, army staff attorney Kara Guidry follows a trail of clues that leads to the base commander. Then a second young woman is killed, and Guidry plunges into a morass of political intrigue and scandal. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Tyrant's Test: The Black Fleet Crisis, Book 3 RC 45092
by Michael P. Kube-McDowell
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Under the leadership of Princess Leia, the New Republic faces its final battle with the deadly Duskhan league, led by the evil Nil Spaar of the Yevetha. As battle plans are drawn up, Han Solo is captured by the enemy, while Chewbacca, Lando, and Luke Skywalker remain away on other quests. A Star Wars novel, sequel to *Shield of Lies (RC 44590)*. Bestseller 1996.

Stranger at the Wedding RC 45093
by Barbara Hambly
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
In a land like eighteenth-century England, Kyra, a student wizard, has been estranged from her father for six years because of her interest in magic. Through visions, Kyra discovers that her sister Alix's life will end on her wedding night. Returning home, Kyra tries to stop the spells that threaten Alix. Some violence. 1994.

The Quality of Mercy RC 45094
by Faye Kellerman
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes
Elizabethan London. Young playwright Will Shakespeare is distraught over the murder of his mentor. Rebecca Lopez, the daughter of Queen Elizabeth I's physician, is a Jew whose family rescues other Jews from Portugal's Inquisition. When Will and Rebecca meet, they vow to help each other in their quests for justice. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1989.

The Woman Who Walked into Doors RC 45095
by Roddy Doyle
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Paula Spencer has survived a hard life, beset by alcoholism and spousal abuse. From a child in a happy Irish family, she developed into an alluring teenager, a young wife and mother, and, after eighteen years, a widow. At thirty-nine, she is struggling to reclaim her life. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Timeswept Bride RC 45096
by Eugenia Riley
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
Just weeks before her wedding, Priscilla Pemberton is dumped by J. Ackerly Frost V. Now she will never have a place on Galveston's social register. As she walks on the beach drowning her sorrows in Dom Perignon, Priscilla finds an old bottle with a note inside: "Accursed tide, bring me a bride." Suddenly she is

overcome by a huge wave and finds herself in 1880s Galveston. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

In the Deep Midwinter RC 45097
by Robert Clark
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
When his brother is killed in a hunting accident, lawyer Richard MacEwan arrives to identify the body and handle affairs. Among his brother's personal effects, he finds a letter suggesting his own wife's infidelity. Further revelations force the family to confront and reconcile other past wrongs. Descriptions of sex. 1997.

Against All Odds: The Lucy Scott Mitchum Story RC 45099
by Barbara Riefe
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
In 1849, Lucy Mitchum is not thrilled with the idea of moving from Maryland to California by wagon. Her husband, Noah, is so excited by the prospect of finding gold that she agrees to join him when the wagon train leaves. But Noah doesn't possess the skills needed on the trail, and Lucy dreads the day they must part from the others to make their own way to Sacramento. Descriptions of sex. 1997.

Shadows on the Hudson RC 45102
by Isaac Bashevis Singer
read by Ken Kliban
5 cassettes
First written in Yiddish and serialized in the *Forward* in 1957–58, a portrayal of the lives of a group of Jewish refugees in New York after World War II. Boris Makaver and his friends gather to discuss day-to-day events—marriages, affairs, births, and deaths. Makaver, more religious since the Holocaust, despairs over the choice of husbands for his only daughter, Anna. Bestseller 1998.

The Silver Star: The House of Winslow, Book 20 RC 45106
by Gilbert Morris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
Determined to put Eddie Rich behind her, Priscilla Winslow leaves Broadway and heads to California for a movie career. Her cousin Andrew and his family have also come to California, where he is to be the new pastor of Faith Temple. Both find themselves confronting difficult choices. Sequel to *The Iron Lady (RC 43775)*. 1997.

Fatal Terrain RC 45110
by Dale Brown
read by Gary Tipton
4 cassettes
When tensions erupt between Taiwan and mainland China, America's options are limited by its recent military cutbacks. On the scene is USAF pilot McLanahan in a modified B-52 equipped with the latest cruise missiles. When war breaks out, McLanahan's lethal payload turns the tide of the conflict. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

The Estate of the Beckoning Lady RC 45113
by Margery Allingham
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
Author William Faraday dies in his room at the Beckoning Lady in Suffolk. At approximately the same time, another man has his head bashed in and now lies in a deep ditch. His body is not discovered for eight days. Albert Campion, on holiday in the area, thinks the two

deaths are related. And Old Harry, a local resident, predicts a third death. 1955.

Creek Thunder RC 45114
by Donald Clayton Porter
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Following the massacre of white settlers at Fort Mims by Creek Indians, General Andrew Jackson's forces attack the Creek nation in brutal retaliation. Renno, the White Indian, braves the perilous conflict in a heroic attempt to rescue his nephew. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Virgin Heat RC 45117
by Laurence Shames
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Mafioso Paul Amaro has just finished a nine-year prison term. The man who fingered him has a new identity as Ziggy Maxx and is bartending in Key West. Paul's daughter Angelina fell in love with Ziggy before the betrayal and still yearns for him. Recognizing his altered appearance in a home video, Angelina heads for Florida, trailing relatives behind her. Strong language. 1997.

The Goddess Affair RC 45124
by Lillian O'Donnell
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Private investigator Gwenn Ramadge is hired to find out who is robbing guests on a cruise ship. While on board she meets Minerva Aldrich, who (along with her sisters) inherited her late mother's prestigious dress company, Goddess Designs. When terminally ill Minerva is found dead in the pool, Ramadge's investigation expands to murder. 1996.

The Siege RC 45125
by Peter David
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
A murderer is loose aboard *Deep Space Nine*, and Commander Sisko and Security Chief Odo are unable to identify him or deduce his motive. It becomes apparent that they are dealing with a psychopathic shapeshifter who, like Security Chief Odo, can assume the shape of any object, inanimate or living, to escape detection. A Star Trek: *Deep Space Nine* novel. 1993.

The Matarese Countdown RC 45152
by Robert Ludlum
read by David Hartley-Margolin
4 cassettes
Sequel to *The Matarese Circle (RC 13413)*. A pattern of worldwide killings and business takeovers suggests a conspiracy of the highest order. Retired CIA agent Brandon Scofield is recalled to duty, bringing his unique knowledge to bear against an insidious international cartel. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Cat and Mouse RC 45155
by James Patterson
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
Washington, D.C., detective Alex Cross is again faced with his nemesis, psychotic killer Gary Soneji from *Along Came a Spider (RC 35894)*. At the same time, mass murderer Mr. Smith is in Europe performing live autopsies on his victims. FBI profiler Thomas Pierce is taken off the European case to assist in apprehending Soneji after Cross is attacked at home. Violence. Bestseller 1997.

Survival of the Fittest RC 45156
by Jonathan Kellerman
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
LAPD detective Milo Sturgis asks psychologist Alex Delaware to help solve the murder of a deaf Israeli teenager. After two other people with physical disabilities are killed, Delaware goes undercover to work on the case. Israeli policeman Daniel Sharavi, at the request of the teen's father, joins the team. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Up Island RC 45160
by Anne Rivers Siddons
read by Carol Dines
3 cassettes
Molly Redwine of Atlanta, Georgia, has never really gotten to know herself. Her mother dominated Molly's childhood, and since then her life has been devoted to her family. Now, more than twenty years later and alone, Molly begins to find herself when she has the chance to spend the summer on Martha's Vineyard. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Dancing at the Harvest Moon RC 45163
by K.C. McKinnon
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
A recently divorced English professor, Maggie, impulsively decides to revisit the summer resort where she met her first love. There, her passion is rekindled by the son of her former lover. She debates whether to let her heart or her mind determine her future. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Carolina Moon RC 45184
by Jill McCorkle
read by Nanette Savard
2 cassettes
Life in the small, sleepy town of Fulton, North Carolina, is not as serene as it appears. Quee Purdy is busy operating a stop-smoking clinic while giving out advice and solving the murder of one of the locals. 1996.

In the Dead of Summer: An Amanda Pepper Mystery RC 45217
by Gillian Roberts
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Philadelphia high school English teacher Amanda Pepper is grumpy about teaching summer school until she meets her one enthusiastic pupil, a Vietnamese girl, April Truong. Then a series of hate crimes and April's apparent abduction force Amanda into her sleuth mode. Some violence. 1995.

The Last Hotel for Women RC 45221
by Vicki Covington
read by Nanette Savard
2 cassettes
The summer of 1961 in Birmingham upsets life in the Fraley family. Freedom riders and journalists bring out the worst in Bull Connor, the city's bigoted Commissioner of Public Safety. Dinah Fraley, owner of the hotel (formerly a bordello), and her family suffer the repercussions of Connor's emotional crisis. Some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1996.

Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Politika
RC 45253
by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
In 1999 Russian president Boris Yeltsin dies, plunging the federation into chaos. American assistance is forthcoming until the U.S. experiences a terrorist attack that seems to be of Russian origin. Meanwhile, Roger Gordian, head of a U.S. corporation with interests in Kaliningrad, gets involved. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Homecoming RC 45255
by Belva Plain
read by Terry Hayes Sales
1 cassette
Annette Byrne, eighty-five, has had enough of the estrangement between her two sons and among other family members. She summons them all to her home on a wintry December day. Tensions are high, and harsh words begin to flow. Then a near tragedy puts a different light on the day for each of those present. Bestseller 1997.

Unfinished Symphony RC 45275
by V.C. Andrews
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Heart Song (RC 44794)*, Melody Logan longs to discover the identity of her real father. Following a clue, she travels to Los Angeles and learns that her mother also is still alive. When Melody returns to her grandmother's house on Cape Cod, more family secrets are unearthed. Bestseller 1997.

Flood Tide RC 45276
by Clive Cussler
read by Bob Askey
4 cassettes
In the year 2000 Dirk Pitt of the National Underwater and Marine Agency is working with immigration officials to stop the smuggling of Chinese workers into the United States. Gangster Qin Shang has even built a port in Louisiana to unload the illegals. Pitt is also investigating a rumor of a shipwrecked Chinese vessel bearing a load of treasure. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

The Eternal Savage RC 45280
by Edgar Rice Burroughs
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
A hundred thousand years ago, Nu, the son of Nu, was trapped in a cave during an earthquake. Now, American Victoria Custer is in Africa for some big game hunting when another earthquake hits. The terrified Victoria faints and awakens to find herself facing the man she has dreamed of all her life—Nu, the son of Nu. Some violence. 1914.

Three Doors to Death RC 45281
by Rex Stout
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Three mysteries written between 1947 and 1949. In "Man Alive," Nero Wolfe's investigation of the murder of a man already declared dead takes him into the world of high fashion. "Omit Flowers" involves the food industry and a family's covering up for a murderer. In "Door to Death," a horticulturist finds his fiancée dead in his hothouse. Some strong language. 1995.

Splendor RC 45284
by Brenda Joyce
read by Gabriella Cavallero
3 cassettes
The daughter of a London bookseller, Carolyn Browne is an enlightened eighteen-year-old who has been writing articles for the *Morning Chronicle* under the name of Charles Copperville. When she lampoons Prince Nicholas Sverayov of Russia, he seeks out Copperville, quickly uncovering Carolyn's identity and beginning a new game of deception. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Blind Faith RC 45291
by Judith Pella
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Irene Lorenzo's faith has been tested as a result of her divorce from Greg Mitchell. Now Joel Costain, a blind lawyer, has approached Irene seeking information about Greg, who claimed to be Joel's brother and has now died under mysterious circumstances. As the two search for answers, Irene begins to regain her faith. 1996.

Buchanan Says No RC 45306
by Jonas Ward
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Wrangler Tom Buchanan finishes the trail ride driving stolen cattle from Mexico. When the paymaster doesn't show up at the meeting place in California, Buchanan heads into town looking for him. Young gunslinger Mike Sandoe tags along. Unfortunately, their prey eludes them and the two find nothing but trouble. 1957.

Beyond the Wild Shores: Land of the Far Horizon, Book 4 RC 45313
by Patricia Hickman
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Having rejected her suitor, Bailey Templeton of Virginia flees to Sydney Cove, Australia, to work as a teacher in 1807. Her arrival is an unpleasant surprise to Captain Grant Hogan, who expects a male teacher. But Bailey refuses to leave and tries to make a difference in the lives of the emancipist families and Captain Hogan. Sequel to *The Emerald Flame (RC 43828)*. 1997.

Three at Wolfe's Door RC 45314
by Rex Stout
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Three tales of mystery featuring Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin. In "Poison a la Carte," Wolfe lends out his cook, and some of the dinner guests die. In "Method Three for Murder," a woman arrives at Wolfe's office driving a cab with a corpse inside. And in "The Rodeo Murder," a rodeo rider's rope turns up on the chest of a dead man. 1960.

The Clayborne Brides: One Pink Rose, One White Rose, One Red Rose RC 45329
by Julie Garwood
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
This companion to *For the Roses (RC 43563)* portrays events leading up to the marriages of three Clayborne brothers. Travis falls for a woman he is escorting to meet her mail-order bridegroom, Douglas falls in love with a woman for whom he acts as a midwife, and Adam falls for the woman Mama Rose

picked out for him. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Remember When RC 45335
by Judith McNaught
read by Jill Fox
3 cassettes
Wealthy Diana Foster knew Cole Harrison when she was a teenager and he worked as a stable boy. Cole now owns a multimillion-dollar company. They meet again at Houston's White Orchid Ball and auction just after Diana is jilted by her fiancé. Cole takes a dramatic step to help Diana save face. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Kill and Tell RC 45340
by Linda Howard
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Shortly after her mother's death, nurse Karen Whitlaw receives a notebook from her father, a Vietnam vet who abandoned her years before. She then learns from New Orleans detective Marc Chastain that her father has been killed. As Karen and Marc become involved, someone threatens Karen's life. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Tidings of Great Joy RC 45342
by Sandra Brown
read by Ann Hodapp
1 cassette
A romantic Christmas Eve encounter results in pregnancy for architect Ria Lavender. Her lover is the town's mayor-elect, Taylor MacKensie. For the child's legitimacy and for political reasons, the two marry and move in together. But will circumstances and past lovers allow them to continue their sham? Explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1987.

All I Need Is You RC 45468
by Johanna Lindsey
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Casey Straton, seventeen, believes she can run her grandfather's Texas ranch, but her father does not. So Casey, dressed as a boy, runs away to prove herself. New Yorker Damian Rutledge III has come west to find his father's killer. When Damian and Casey meet, he hires her to help with the search, not suspecting she is a woman. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The Street Lawyer RC 45550
by John Grisham
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
At thirty-two, Michael is on the fast track to become a partner in his prestigious Washington law firm, but that changes the day he is held hostage by a homeless man. Disillusioned by the realization that his firm had illegally evicted the man, Michael quits his job to work for the homeless. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

Breath, Eyes, Memory RC 46001
by Edwidge Danticat
read by Anne Hancock
1 cassette
Until age twelve, Sophie is raised by her aunt in Haiti. Her mother then sends for her to come to New York and explains that Sophie is the product of rape. When a grown Sophie is befriended by an older musician, her mother tests her virginity. Sophie rebels by violently deflowering herself, an act that later causes her to seek sexual phobia

therapy. She marries the musician and tries to come to terms with her past as her mother does the same. Some violence. 1994.

The Long Road Home RC 46008
by Danielle Steel
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Gabriella Harrison, the only child of wealthy New Yorkers, is abused by her deranged mother for more than ten years. Abandoned by her now-divorced parents at a convent, Gabriella is content until she falls in love with a priest. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

You Belong to Me RC 46009
by Mary Higgins Clark
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Once a prosecutor and then a psychologist, radio talk-show host Susan Chandler explores how lonely women are lured into relationships that turn deadly. On the air, witnesses offer evidence concerning one such victim. Unfortunately, Susan does not suspect that the killer has tuned in. Some violence. Bestseller 1998.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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Cassettes Nonfiction

If You Should Hear a Honey Guide RC 40984
by April Pulley Sayre
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
If you should hear the honey guide call "weet-err, weet-err," you are a lucky person indeed. Then you must answer the bird and follow it through the bushlands of Kenya, for the honey guide will lead you to a bees' nest full of honey. For grades K-3. 1995.

Desert Trip RC 40989
by Barbara A. Steiner
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
A young girl goes backpacking with her mother in the desert. As they walk, her mother points out plants and tells her about them. Then they sleep under the starry sky. For grades K-3. 1996.

Frozen Man RC 44427
by David Getz
read by Stephen Angus
1 cassette
Recounts the 1991 discovery of a mummified body in the Italian Alps by German tourists. Follows the scientific examination of the human remains and artifacts to derive clues about the life and death of the frozen man, and

about how people lived more than five thousand years ago. For grades 4-7. 1994.

William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* RC 44926
retold by Bruce Coville
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
A retelling of the classic comedy in which several couples, spending the night in a forest, find themselves bewitched by the fairy king's young servant—Puck. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1996.

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio RC 44944
by Peg Kehret
read by Patricia McDermott
1 cassette
A woman's memoir of her childhood battle with polio in 1949. Details the sudden onset of the disease, followed by seven months of paralysis, treatments, and gradual recovery. Describes the fear and pain that she experienced, and the support of family and friends that sustained her through the ordeal. For grades 4-6. 1996.

The Period Book: Everything You Don't Want to Ask (but Need to Know) RC 45056
by Karen and Jennifer Gravelle
read by Lindsay Ellison
1 cassette
Explains the physical and emotional changes girls experience as puberty begins. Topics include what to wear, a visit to a gynecologist, and what is normal. A chapter headed "What if . . . ?" advises girls on how to handle problem situations. Parental comments conclude the book. For grades 4-7. 1996.

I've Got an Idea! The Story of Frederick McKinley Jones RC 45067
by Gloria M. Swanson
and Margaret V. Ott
read by Jake Williams
1 cassette
Recounts the life of Fred Jones, who at age five could take mechanical things apart and reassemble them, and who by age fifteen had become an auto repair foreman. He became an expert in the fields of electronics, the physics of sound, and electrical engineering, and he patented more than sixty inventions. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Shaker Hearts RC 45144
by Ann Turner
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
Describes how the Shakers, founded by Ann Lee and her followers who came to America from England in 1774, centered their sect around the theme of "Hands to work, hearts to God." The author portrays their daily life, showing how they dedicated themselves to God while building practical, self-sufficient communities. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1997.

On My Own: The Journey Continues RC 45189
by Sally Hobart Alexander
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
After going blind at twenty-four, as told in *Taking Hold: My Journey into Blindness (RC 40247)*, Alexander describes also losing part of her hearing. Determined to be independent and self-sufficient, she recounts her fears and difficulties adjusting to a new apartment, finding a job, and meeting the right

man. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1997.

It Came from Ohio! My Life as a Writer RC 45190
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Stine, the author of the Fear Street and Goosebump books, tells the story of his life to Joe Arthur, a friend since college days. Stine says when he was seven years old he found a typewriter in his attic and was soon typing with one finger at lightning speed. He also explains where he gets some of his frightening story ideas. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

The Truth about Mary Rose RC 40999
by Marilyn Sachs
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette (Reissue)
Mary Rose has always believed that the aunt for whom she was named died a heroine after rescuing people from a fire. But Mary Rose has a bad habit of eavesdropping, and one day she learns the real truth about her aunt. For grades 4-7. 1973.

Jericho RC 42206
by Janet Hickman
read by Barbara Rappaport
1 cassette
Angela is not happy that her family is spending its vacation helping her grandparents and her great-grandmother. There are no girls her age in the tiny town, and her depressed GrandMin doesn't remember who Angela is. Angela's visit is described alongside the story of her great-grandmother's youth in the same town. GrandMin as a young person is quite different from the helpless, forgetful woman Angela knows today. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Poppy RC 42709
by Avi
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
The deer mice know they must ask Mr. Ocax the owl for permission before they wander far from their home. Poppy's father says it is because Mr. Ocax wants to protect them against porcupines, but Poppy soon learns otherwise. While she and her boyfriend, Ragweed, are out for a forbidden night stroll, Mr. Ocax eats Ragweed. If Poppy cannot convince her father and the other mice of the danger, she must somehow protect them. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Arthur, High King of Britain RC 43414
by Michael Morpurgo
read by Marilyn Gleason
2 cassettes
The epic legend of King Arthur is presented within the tale of a twentieth-century boy who is rescued from drowning and brought to a sea cave by Arthur Pendragon. Arthur tells the boy stories of his own rise to the throne, of the Knights of the Round Table, and of triumph and tragedy in the kingdom of Camelot. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Red Ranger Came Calling: A Guaranteed True Christmas Story RC 43470
by Berkeley Breathed
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
In 1939 a nine-year-old boy calls himself Red Ranger of Mars after a movie hero, Buck Tweed. Red wants a Buck Tweed bicycle for Christmas but knows his aunt can't afford one. When he dis-

covers an ancient man who claims to be Santa Claus, Red (although a non-believer) asks him for the bike. For grades 4-7. 1994.

The Snowy Day RC 43471
by Ezra Jack Keats
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette (Reissue)
Young Peter is thrilled to wake up to snow piled high. He spends the day crunching, sliding, building a snowman, making snow angels, and having a great time. Caldecott award winner. For grades K-3. 1962.

Fall-Out RC 43530
by Gudrun Pausewang
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Fourteen-year-old Janna and her brother, Uli, are alone when an accident rocks the nuclear power plant near their home in Germany. As they flee, Uli is killed by a car. Janna learns that the disaster has claimed the rest of her family, loses patience with the public apathy, and joins antinuclear activists. For grades 6-9. 1987.

Meet Felicity: An American Girl RC 43761
by Valerie Tripp
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Felicity and her family live in 1774 Williamsburg, where her father runs a general store. Felicity helps at home, but she would rather be working with her father. And when she discovers that old Mr. Nye is mistreating his new horse, Felicity knows what she must do. Prequel to *Felicity Learns a Lesson (RC 43762)*. For grades 2-4. 1991.

Felicity Learns a Lesson: A School Story RC 43762
by Valerie Tripp
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Felicity, almost ten, is to begin lessons in being a polite colonial Williamsburg gentlewoman. She will take classes with two girls who have just arrived from England. But when the colonists decide to boycott English tea, Felicity has some choices to make. Sequel to *Meet Felicity (RC 43761)*. For grades 2-4. 1991.

Felicity's Surprise: A Christmas Story RC 43763
by Valerie Tripp
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Just before Christmas in colonial Williamsburg, Felicity Merriman is surprised to receive an invitation for a dance lesson at the governor's palace. The other girls will have new gowns, and Felicity's mother decides to make her one. But then Mrs. Merriman becomes ill. Sequel to *Felicity Learns a Lesson (RC 43762)*. For grades 2-4. 1991.

Happy Birthday Felicity! A Springtime Story RC 43764
by Valerie Tripp
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
When Felicity's grandfather arrives in colonial Williamsburg for a visit, he brings her a birthday surprise—her grandmother's guitar. Felicity promises not to take it out of the house, but is overcome by her longing to have Miss Manderly tune the guitar and teach her to play it. Sequel to *Felicity's Surprise (RC 43763)*. For grades 2-4. 1992.

Felicity Saves the Day: A Summer Story RC 43765
by Valerie Tripp
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Felicity's colonial family is spending the summer at Grandfather's plantation on the York River. When Grandfather gets some new horses, Felicity recognizes Penny, a colt she helped escape from its mean owner. Then her father's apprentice, Ben, is hurt, and Penny helps save the day. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Felicity! (RC 43764)*. For grades 2-4. 1992.

Changes for Felicity: A Winter Story RC 43766
by Valerie Tripp
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Felicity's favorite horse, Penny, is going to have a foal. But there is trouble in colonial Williamsburg. The father of Felicity's friend Elizabeth is in jail for being a Loyalist, and Jiggy Nye is there for debt. Grandfather helps them both, but the cold costs him his life. Sequel to *Felicity Saves the Day (RC 43765)*. For grades 2-4. 1992.

Meet Samantha: An American Girl RC 43841
by Susan S. Adler
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Samantha, a nine-year-old orphan, is more interested in playing with her friend, Nellie, who works next door, than in learning the values her wealthy grandmother thinks are proper in 1904. When Grandmary's seamstress leaves suddenly, the girls take a midnight trip to find out why. Prequel to *Samanatha Learns a Lesson (RC 43842)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

Samantha Learns a Lesson: A School Story RC 43842
by Susan S. Adler
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Samantha, a girl of the early 1900s, is delighted to learn that Grandmary has found a job for Samantha's friend Nellie and her family at a nearby house. Best of all, Nellie and her sisters will be going to school. But after her first day, Nellie vows never to go back. Then Samantha has an idea to help. Sequel to *Meet Samantha (RC 43841)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

Samantha's Surprise: A Christmas Story RC 43843
by Maxine Rose Schur
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Samantha is sure Christmas 1904 will be the best ever. She has been invited to a party and has a new dress to wear. Then Grandmary tells her that Uncle Gard is bringing his girlfriend Cornelia with him for the holidays, and Samantha is afraid her plans will be ruined. Sequel to *Samantha Learns a Lesson (RC 43842)*. For grades 2-4. 1986.

Happy Birthday, Samantha: A Springtime Story RC 43844
by Valerie Tripp
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Aunt Cornelia's twin sisters, Agnes and Agatha, have come to visit Samantha for her birthday. They have wonderful ideas for celebrating, but some of them turn out not quite as hoped. So to make the day even more special, they invite Samantha to spend some time in New York City with them. Sequel to *Saman-*

tha's Surprise (RC 43843). For grades 2-4. 1987.

Samantha Saves the Day: A Summer Story RC 43845
by Valerie Tripp
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Samantha's family is spending the summer of 1905 at Grandmary's mountain home. While Grandmary is entertaining her long-time English friend, Admiral Beemis, Samantha and her cousins find lots to do. One day, after discovering Samantha's mother's old sketchbook, they decide to take a trip to Teardrop Island—alone. Sequel to *Happy Birthday, Samantha! (RC 43844)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

Changes for Samantha: A Winter Story RC 43846
by Valerie Tripp
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Now that Grandmary has married an admiral, Samantha lives in New York City with her aunt and uncle. Her friend Nellie promised to visit when she wrote Samantha that she and her sisters were moving to the city. But when weeks go by with no sign of Nellie, Samantha sets out to find her. Sequel to *Samantha Saves the Day (RC 43845)*. For grades 2-4. 1988.

Willie Jerome RC 44362
by Alice Faye Duncan
read by Connie Winston
1 cassette
Willie Jerome plays his trumpet up on the tenement rooftop all day long. His sister Judy loves to listen to his "sizzlin' red hot bebop" and can't understand why the rest of her family and neighbors think he's just making loud noise. For grades K-3. 1995.

Klara's New World RC 44388
by Jeanette Winter
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Klara and her parents live in Sweden, but her father is having a hard time with the rocky farm. When friends write them of the rich land in America, Klara's family decides to move there. For grades 2-4. 1992.

Murphy and Kate RC 44389
by Ellen Howard
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Kate has grown up with her dog Murphy, and they have always been the best of friends. Both are fourteen when Murphy dies and Kate must carry on without him. For grades 2-4. 1995.

The Long, Long Letter RC 44390
by Elizabeth Spurr
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
When a little boy's mother gets a card from his Aunt Hetta begging for mail, his mother sits down to pen "a long, long letter, one she will not forget!" And it is a long message—for his mother writes through fall, winter, spring, and summer. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey RC 44405
by Susan Wojciechowski
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
Wood-carver Jonathan Toomey is called Mr. Gloomy by the village children. Since the death of his wife and baby, Toomey has been sad and grumpy. When widow McDowell moves to the village

with her young son, she requests a special Christmas favor from Toomey. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Space Brat Three: The Wrath of Squat RC 44415
by Bruce Coville
read by John Polk
1 cassette
Now that Blork has become a hero for saving the city, he has been invited to the Galactic Celebration—the biggest party in history. But his old enemy, Squat, decides it is time to seek revenge for having been humiliated by Blork. Sequel to *Space Brat Two: Blork's Evil Twin (RC 44414)*. For grades 2-4. 1994.

Space Brat Four: Planet of the Dips RC 44416
by Bruce Coville
read by John Polk
1 cassette
As they head for the Galactic Celebration in their spaceship, Blork and his friends are accidentally hurtled far out into space. They land on the planet of the Dips, where the inhabitants think Blork's pet, Lunk, is their long-lost lord. Sequel to *Space Brat Three: The Wrath of Squat (RC 44415)*. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Feliciana Feydra LeRoux: A Cajun Tall Tale RC 44507
by Tynia Thomassie
read by Robin Miles
1 cassette
Of all his grandchildren, Feliciana is Grandpa Baby's favorite. Maybe it is because they are both the tail end of a LeRoux crew. But when Grandpa Baby goes alligator hunting and leaves Feliciana behind, she sneaks out and joins them. Includes author's note describing Cajun people and their customs. For grades 2-4. 1995.

The Cheater RC 44512
by R.L. Stine
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
Judge Phillips is not happy with his daughter Carter's scores on her math achievement test, so she is going to retake it. But she knows she's not capable of getting a high enough score for Princeton. When a classmate offers to take the test for Carter, she is relieved. Then the blackmail begins. For grades 6-9. 1993.

Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman RC 44518
by Alan Schroeder
read by Robin Miles
1 cassette
In this fictional account of Tubman's childhood, young Harriet dreams of escape while working as a slave on a Maryland plantation in the 1820s. Her father helps her prepare for her journey by teaching her how to fish, hunt, swim, and read the signs of a tree and the stars in the night sky. For grades K-3. 1996.

City Green RC 44519
by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan
read by Robin Miles
1 cassette
When a building is torn down on Marcy's city block, the empty lot makes her sad. One day she and her neighbors learn that they can rent the lot and grow a garden. All of the neighbors agree to participate except grumpy Old Man Hammer, who used to live in the building. For grades K-3. 1994.

A Baby Just like Me RC 44520
by Susan Winter
read by Robin Miles
1 cassette
Martha tells her friend Sam about the new sister her mother is bringing home from the hospital. They make plans to include her in their games, but when the baby comes home, she isn't at all what they expected. When will she become like Martha? For grades K-3. 1994.

Little Bear's Visit RC 44914
by Else Holmelund Minarik
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette (Reissue)
While visiting his grandparents, Little Bear hears stories about his mother when she was a girl. Companion to *Little Bear (RC 44738)*. For grades K-3. 1961.

Joe and Betsy the Dinosaur RC 44920
by Lillian Hoban
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Joe and his pet dinosaur, Betsy, live in a cave. When the weather is nice they go out and play with their friends. When it snows, no one comes out, so Joe and Betsy go visiting. But they cause a lot of trouble for their buddies. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Fire Cat RC 44921
by Esther Averill
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette (Reissue)
Pickles is a stray yellow cat with black spots in his fur and very big paws. Pickles also has big plans. But he lives alone in a big old yard, and the only thing he has to do is chase little cats. Then he chases a cat up a tree, and the firemen have to come get Pickles down. Soon Pickles has something to do. For grades K-3. 1960.

The Case of the Cat's Meow RC 44922
by Crosby Bonsall
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Snitch is certain someone is going to steal his cat Mildred even though his brother, Wizard, and their fellow sleuths, Tubby and Skinny, scoff at the idea. Sure enough, Mildred is soon missing and the four boys must put their investigative skills to work. For grades K-3. 1965.

Hester Bidgood: Investigatrix of Evill Deedes RC 45022
by E.W. Hildick
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
The residents of Willow Bend, just south of Salem, are leaving the meetinghouse when they discover Goody Willson's kitten half dead and branded with a cross. Most villagers immediately accuse Goody of being a witch. But young Hester Bidgood and Rob MacGregor know Goody as a kind old lady and set out to find her enemy. For grades 3-6. 1994.

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig RC 45040
by Eugene Trivizas
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Once upon a time there were three little wolves who lived with their mother. One day she tells them it is time to go out into the world and build their own house. But they must beware of the big bad pig and build a very strong house. The wolves have a hard time building the right house. For grades K-3. 1993.

Always My Dad RC 45046
by Sharon Dennis Wyeth
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A young girl lives with her mother and brothers and doesn't see her father very often. She and her brothers are spending the summer with their grandparents when their father comes for a short visit. Before he leaves, he explains to his daughter that wherever he is he's always her dad. For grades K-3. 1995.

Old Home Day RC 45071
by Donald Hall
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
A fictional account of the evolution of an area now called Blackwater, New Hampshire. Hall weaves a story beginning tens of thousands of years ago, when glaciers melted and formed rivers and ponds, up to 1999, when the town celebrates the bicentennial of its founding by Enoch Boswell, a farmer who was looking for a place to build a cabin, keep a cow, and raise a family. For grades 3-6. 1996.

When Birds Could Talk and Bats Could Sing: The Adventures of Bruh Sparrow, Sis Wren, and Their Friends RC 45076
retold by Virginia Hamilton
read by Jamie Horton
1 cassette
These stories about bats, buzzards, sparrows, wrens, and jays are based on African American folktales from the South during the plantation era and were collected by journalist Martha Young after the Civil War. For grades 2-4. 1996.

The Ocean of Story: Fairy Tales from India RC 45078
retold by Caroline Ness
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Eighteen tales from India's oral folklore tradition. Some of the stories have themes similar to those of the Brothers Grimm, Aesop, and the Arabian Nights. Included are "The Magic Lamp," "Three Fussy Men," and "The Boy and His Stepmother." For grades 4-7. 1995.

Jip: His Story RC 45131
by Katherine Paterson
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
When he was a little boy in 1847, Jip tumbled off a wagon in Vermont. Now he lives on a farm for poor people where he enjoys the animals. His gentle ways win him the friendship of a caged lunatic, "Put"; his teacher; and her Quaker sweetheart. When Jip learns his mother was an escaped slave, he must make some difficult decisions. Companion to *Lyddie (RC 33521)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Say Cheese and Die! RC 45185
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Greg and his friends, bored and looking for something to do, wander into an empty mansion. There they find an old camera and start taking pictures. There is just one problem: the photos show things before they happen. For grades 4-7. 1992.

Say Cheese and Die—Again! RC 45186
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Greg Banks has to give an oral report of a true story for his English class. But when he talks about the old camera he found last summer, his teacher, Mr. Saur, doesn't believe him and gives Greg an F. The only way Greg can get a better grade is to bring the evil camera to school and take a picture. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Vampire Breath RC 45187
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
One night after a baby-sitting job, Freddy and Cara laugh about how much they scared a little boy with their werewolf story. Then it becomes their turn to be frightened when they discover a hidden door in Freddy's basement opening on a long dark tunnel and, at the end of the tunnel, a room with a coffin inside. For grades 4-7. 1996.

The Dragonslayers RC 45191
by Bruce Coville
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
A dragon is stalking King Mildred's land, and the king has promised half his kingdom and his daughter's hand in marriage to the person who can slay the dragon. Only the old squire, Elizar, and a young page, Brian, are willing to try. But unbeknown to them, the king's daughter, Wilhelmina, has also set out to kill the dragon. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Calling All Creeps RC 45199
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Because he must earn twenty points for after-school activities, Ricky Beamer has signed up to work on the school newspaper. But editor Tasha just doesn't seem to like Ricky, who is considered somewhat of a nerd, and gives him silly assignments. Then Tasha kicks him off the paper. Ricky is so furious, he seeks revenge. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Beware, the Snowman RC 45200
by R.L. Stine
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
Jaclyn and the aunt she lives with have left their Chicago home and moved to a tiny village close to the Arctic Circle. There is almost no one around, and, to make things worse, there are strange looking snowmen with deep scars on their faces in front of every house. And Jaclyn's aunt won't tell her why. For grades 4-7. 1997.

How I Learned to Fly RC 45201
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Jack Johnson and his friend Wilson seem to spend a lot of time involved in a contest. No matter what Jack does, Wilson seems to do the same thing better. So when Jack finds a book about humans flying, he figures this is one thing Wilson won't be able to do better—or will he? For grades 4-7. 1997.

My Best Friend Is Invisible RC 45209
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Sammy Jacobs is a science fiction freak.

His parents are research scientists, and just don't understand why Sammy doesn't have an interest in real science. His parents begin to wonder even more about Sammy when he starts claiming to see ghosts. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Marvin Redpost: Why Pick on Me? RC 45214
by Louis Sachar
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
When a classmate accuses Marvin of picking his nose, everyone begins to tease him, and his friends desert him. Lonely and frustrated, Marvin must come up with a plan to set the record straight. For grades 2-4. 1993.

Chicken Chicken RC 45224
by R.L. Stine
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
Crystal and Cole hate chickens, especially the ones they have to take care of on their parents' farm. They are also afraid of Vanessa, a rather weird woman living on the edge of town; people seem to think she can cast spells. And perhaps she can, because after Crystal and Cole cause Vanessa to drop a bag of groceries, strange things begin happening to them. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Misoso: Once upon a Time Tales from Africa RC 45230
retold by Verna Aardema
read by Lisette Lecat
1 cassette
Retelling of twelve African folktales and fables. Anansi the spider returns to his starving village empty-handed even after encountering entire villages of food in "Anansi and the Phantom Food." In "The Boogey Man's Wife," a disobedient wife finally obeys her husband's command—much to his unhappiness. For grades K-3. 1994.

The Story of Little Babaji RC 45232
by Helen Bannerman
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Revised version of the story of a little boy in India who loses his fine clothes to vain and bullying tigers. But Babaji has the last laugh when he eats the melted tigers as "ghi" on his pancakes. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

Spotting the Leopard RC 45279
by Anna Myers
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Jessie's younger brother, H.J., would like to help her become a veterinarian. When he tries to save a leopard that escaped from the zoo, his courage and determination pay off in an opportunity for Jessie to pursue her dream. Sequel to *Red Dirt Jessie (RC 36739)*. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1996.

The Carousel RC 45289
by Liz Rosenberg
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Two sisters walking home in a drizzly twilight hear noises coming from the broken carousel in the park. Lifting the tarp, the girls see the horses are very much alive and ready to give them the ride of their lives. For grades K-3. 1995.

A Lion Named Shirley Williamson RC 45296
by Bernard Waber
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
The zoo director misunderstands a telephone call and thinks his new lion is named Shirley Williamson. This brings the lion much attention, but the other

lions are peeved so the director decides to change Shirley's name to Bongo. Losing her popularity encourages the lion to escape. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

Tarot Says Beware RC 45316
by Betsy Byars
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
1 cassette
Tarot is a parrot who belongs to Madame Rosa, a palm reader. When Herculeah Jones sees Tarot outside the house with the front door open, she knows something is wrong. She finds Madame Rosa's body under a table and is determined to find her friend's murderer. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Amber Brown Sees Red RC 45328
by Paula Danziger
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Everything is changing in Amber's life in the fourth grade. Her mother is marrying Max, her father is moving back from Paris and wants Amber to live with him part-time, and her own body is growing out of control. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Orp and the Chop Suey Burgers RC 45368
by Suzy Kline
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Seventh-grader Orville Rudemeyer Pygenski dreams of traveling but never goes anywhere. Then one day he reads about a cooking contest offering a trip to Disney World, and he knows there is some Fu Chow soy sauce in the cupboard, so he decides to enter. His creation, chop suey burgers, wins him a trip to the regional finals. For grades 4-7. 1990.

The Best Way to Play RC 45511
by Bill Cosby
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
When the TV show *Space Explorers* announces its video game, Little Bill and his friends pester their parents to buy it. Andrew shares the video with his friends. To the children's surprise, however, they prefer their own version of the game, which they play in a vacant lot. For grades K-3. 1997.

The Meanest Thing to Say RC 45512
by Bill Cosby
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
Michael, a new boy in the second grade, wants to play a game to see who can say the meanest thing. Little Bill's dad gives him an idea of how to turn the game around, and Little Bill makes friends with Michael. For grades K-3. 1997.

The Treasure Hunt RC 45513
by Bill Cosby
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
At home on a rainy day, everyone in Little Bill's family finds something special to do, except him. His great-grandmother comes to Little Bill's room and together they discover his special talent. For grades K-3. 1997.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

El Comisario RC 43964
por Sven Hassel
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
El cabo Joseph Porta y sus compañeros de una unidad de tanques alemanes han sobrevivido a la sangrienta y violenta guerra en el frente ruso. Cuando un prisionero de guerra resulta ser un comisario soviético, se enteran de un tesoro escondido. No hace falta mucho para convencerlos de que abandonen la lucha en favor de Hitler y se marchen en un expedición en busca del oro. Violencia y lenguaje injurioso. (Corporal Joseph Porta and his comrades in a German tank unit have survived the bloody and brutal war on the Russian front. When a prisoner of war turns out to be a Soviet commissar, they learn about a hidden treasure. It doesn't take much to convince them to give up fighting for Hitler to go on a gold-hunting expedition. Violence and strong language.) 1985.

Robin Hood RC 43965
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
Presenta una versión moderna de la leyenda del famoso proscrito inglés, que robaba a los ricos para dar a los pobres. Las historias incluyen la huída de Robin Hood a los bosques de Sherwood, su desafío del alguacil de Nottingham y su firme lealtad al rey. Incluye una introducción analítica de Arturo Souto Alabarce. Para lectores adolescentes, jóvenes y adultos. (A modern version of the legend of the famous English outlaw who robbed from the rich and gave to the poor. Includes Robin Hood's flight to Sherwood Forest, his defiance of the sheriff of Nottingham, and his unwavering loyalty to his king. Includes an analytical introduction by Arturo Souto Alabarce. For junior and senior high and older readers.) 1988.

La Mujer Habitada RC 43967
por Gioconda Belli
leído por Maria Pino
3 cassettes
La aristócrata Lavinia Alarcón regresa a su hogar en Latinoamérica, para comenzar a trabajar después de sus estudios universitarios en Italia. Joven apolítica en un principio, gradualmente se siente atraída hacia un movimiento guerrillero, bajo la influencia de una mujer rebelde del siglo XV, cuyo espíritu reside en la casa de Lavinia. Descripciones de índole sexual. (Aristocrat Lavinia Alarcón returns to her Latin American home to begin work after her university studies in Italy. At first an apolitical yuppie, she is gradually drawn into a guerrilla movement under the influence of a fifteenth-century female rebel, whose spirit resides at Lavinia's home. Descriptions of sex.) 1988.

Historias Fantásticas RC 43968
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Trece historias tomadas del libro "Tripulación de Esqueletos" de este autor. Incluye "Hay Tigres," acerca de un chico que descubre que, además de sus problemas cotidianos del colegio, tiene que enfrentarse a un tigre en el cuarto de baño de la escuela, y "La Playa," acerca de dos astronautas que van a parar

a un mundo cubierto por extrañas dunas de arena. Lenguaje injurioso. (Thirteen stories taken from the author's Skeleton Crew. Includes "Here There Be Tygers," about a boy who finds that in addition to his other school-day problems, he must contend with a tiger in the school restroom, and "Beachworld," about two astronauts stranded on a world covered with strange sand dunes. Strong language.) 1987.

El Amor en los Tiempos del Cólera
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La historia ocurre en un país latinoamericano anónimo. Después de la muerte de un eminente médico, que deja una viuda afligida pero aún vital, un hombre, con quien ella estuvo enredada antes de su matrimonio, surge y declara su continuado amor por ella. Algunas descripciones de índole sexual. (Set in an unnamed Latin American country. After an eminent physician dies, leaving behind a bereft but still vital widow, a man with whom she was involved before her marriage emerges and declares his continued love for her. Some descriptions of sex.) 1985.

Bajo el Almendro . . . Junto al Volcán
RC 43970
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El alcalde de un pueblo rural en Honduras oye que su país está en guerra e intenta movilizar a los hombres del lugar para formar una milicia patriótica. Los resultados son cómicos y patéticos. El alcalde se lamenta de la ineptitud ignorante des us paisanos campesinos, pero comienza a comprender quién es el enemigo real de su pueblo. Lenguaje injurioso. (The mayor of a rural village in Honduras hears that his country is at war and attempts to mobilize the local men into a patriotic militia. The results are comic and pathetic. The mayor agonizes over the ignorant ineptness of his fellow peasants but begins to understand who the real enemy of his people is.) 1988.

El Puente sobre el Rio Bermejo
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por Alfredo León Gómez
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Novela histórica del autor hondureño, describe la inestabilidad política y social de Honduras a finales del siglo XIX, un país amenazado por una invasión y a merced de compañías y aventureros extranjeros. Jacinto Castañer inicia una odisea personal para vengar la muerte de su hermano y se convierte en testigo del fin de una lucha legendaria. (Historical novel by the Honduran author depicts the political and social instability of late-nineteenth-century Honduras, a country threatened with invasion and at the mercy of foreign companies and adventurers. Jacinto Castañer begins a personal odyssey to avenge the death of his brother and witnesses the final conclusion of a legendary struggle.) 1987.

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In Brief

Letter from National Advisory Group

The members of the National Advisory Group on Collection Building Activities wish to thank their fellow patrons and librarians for their input on the NLS program. Please be assured that your ideas and suggestions were thoroughly discussed and incorporated into the recommendations that the committee made during its deliberations in September. Copies of recommendations from the meeting and NLS responses to the suggestions are available upon request by writing to Consumer Relations, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542 or by e-mail to nls@loc.gov. Please indicate whether you prefer large-print, audio cassette, or braille format.

The group meets again at NLS on May 19–21, 1999. Please continue to assist us by contacting committee members or your cooperating library with your suggestions. Certain suggestions, such as the addition of a recommended book, are time-consuming to implement because of the many production and quality-checking steps in the audio recording and brailling processes. Do not let these time constraints discourage you from forwarding your comments. Input from readers is a key ingredient in the success of our program. The NLS National Advisory Group represents you.

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New Catalog of Recorded Books Published

A new large-print catalog listing books recorded by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will soon be available to readers. *Cassette Books 1998* describes cassette books for adults produced by NLS during the past year. The catalog lists books by subject categories and includes forms for ordering selections. Later this year, *Cassette Books* will also be produced on flexible disc.

The catalog is being sent directly to patrons who ordered it on their annual publication order forms. It can also be ordered from your cooperating library. A cassette version of the catalog will be available on loan at a later date.

Student Financial Assistance

An audio publication giving information on academic financial assistance for disabled students for the 1999–2000 school year is now available from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. The recording is in the form of a conversation between a disabled student and a counselor from the department's Federal Student Aid Information Center. In their dialog, the student and specialist discuss federal financial aid programs and also talk about state and private sources of funds for eligible students.

For a cassette or compact-disc copy of the publication, write Student Aid Audio Guide, Federal Student Aid Information Center, P.O. Box 84, Washington, DC 20044-0084.

Newsstand

The following announcement may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

***Ramayana* on cassette**. An unabridged audio edition of the first two books of the Indian epic about heroic Prince Rama is now available. The ninth-century saga is contained on fourteen cassettes and costs $98 plus shipping. For more information, contact Vedic Audio Knowledge, 306 E. Madison, Fairfield, IA 52556, telephone 888-867-4396.

Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

The Works of Plato RC 41107
edited by Irwin Edman
read by Ralph Lowenstein
4 cassettes
Selected writings of Plato portraying the philosophy, themes, and ethics of Socrates. Through the device of Socratic dialogs, Plato explores essential moral and metaphysical questions of life and reality. He limns the vision of a perfect society in his capstone work, *The Republic (RC 14875)*. 1956.

Watergate: The Corruption of American Politics and the Fall of Richard Nixon RC 42719
by Fred Emery
read by Ray Hagen
4 cassettes
A companion to the 1994 Discovery Channel series by the Washington bureau chief for the *Times* of London from 1970 to 1977. Emery, now of the BBC, draws on twenty-years-later interviews and tapes and documents released in the 1990s to detail the Watergate burglary. Also examines other illegal activities against political rivals and describes cover-up attempts. 1994.

Buster Keaton: Cut to the Chase RC 42720
by Marion Meade
read by Gary Telles
3 cassettes
Born in 1895, Buster Keaton started in vaudeville as a child in his parents' act. He went on to conceive, write, direct, and star in ten silent feature films and nineteen short comedies. Meade focuses on his personal life, which included three marriages, two children, and a battle with alcoholism. She also discusses the abuse young Keaton received from his parents both on and off stage. Some strong language. 1995.

Dyke Life: From Growing Up to Growing Old, a Celebration of the Lesbian Experience RC 42725
edited by Karla Jay
read by Celeste Lawson
3 cassettes
Gay women from all walks of life contribute twenty-five essays and numerous sidebars on aspects of being a lesbian. Topics include relationships with family members, aging, health-care issues, stereotypes, coming out, gay pride, and lesbian marriages and parenting. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Katharine Hepburn RC 42726
by Barbara Leaming
read by Kimberly Schraf
4 cassettes
A look at the forces that shaped and drove the acclaimed actress. From an accomplished but troubled New England family, Katharine Hepburn was strongly influenced by her strict father and her outspoken mother. From her

earliest days of acting in New York City, she is described as an "original" and a "personage." The author sheds new light on the relationships in Hepburn's life. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Joy of Books: Confessions of a Lifelong Reader RC 42728
by Eric Burns
read by John Lescault
2 cassettes
The "passivity of the moviegoer or the blind docility of the television addict" are not for Burns. He has been a reader of books. Burns looks at the history of books from their inception; discusses their power to educate and entertain; describes a book burning; and delves into the motivation of some writers. He concludes with a list of 572 books that have given him joy over the years. 1995.

That Dark and Bloody River: Chronicles of the Ohio River Valley RC 43150
by Allan W. Eckert
read by Jake Williams
9 cassettes
A narrative history of the bloody struggles over the Ohio River valley in the late 1700s. Recounts the conflicts of Indian tribes among themselves and with white settlers. Uses source documents to reconstruct daily lives as well as the triumphs and tragedies that marked this pivotal period. Violence. 1995.

Journey to My Father, Isaac Bashevis Singer RC 43225
by Israel Zamir
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Profile of Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer by his son, Israel Zamir. Abandoned by his father in 1935, Zamir initiates contact with Singer twenty years later in New York. Slowly and with much difficulty, father and son forge a relationship despite profound differences in philosophy, spirituality, and politics. Zamir eventually agrees to translate his father's works from Yiddish to Hebrew. 1995.

Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod RC 43280
by Gary Paulsen
read by Michael Kramer
2 cassettes
Recounts the author's survival adventure: running the 1,180-mile Iditarod dogsled race across the Arctic wilderness. Enduring frostbite, sleeplessness, moose attacks, and countless trail hazards, he finishes the race eager to run another. 1994.

Vamps and Tramps: New Essays RC 43657
by Camille Paglia
read by Celeste Lawson
4 cassettes
Essays on feminism and American culture since the 1960s. Paglia argues for a "revamped feminism" that removes barriers to the advance of women but not at the price of special protections for women. She opposes state regulation of art, of abortion, of prostitution, and of drug use. Strong language. 1994.

Selected Poems: The Centenary Edition RC 43680
by Edna St. Vincent Millay and Colin Falck
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
This gathering of poems begins with "Renascence," a poem Millay entered in a contest in 1912 and that brought her immediate recognition. The simplic-

ity and accessibility that sometimes prompted critics to pass over her poems is the very skill that also created her appeal and made her work popular for nearly forty years. Her lyricism is discussed in an extensive introduction. 1991.

The Orchard: A Memoir RC 43830
by Adele Crockett Robertson
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
An account of one woman's struggle during the Great Depression to make a living from apple and peach orchards that had been her physician father's pride and joy. 1995.

A Course in Miracles: Combined Volume RC 43840
by Foundation for Inner Peace
read by Madelyn Buzzard
10 cassettes
Designed to help readers increase awareness of love in their lives. Explains theoretical concepts on which the course is based and includes a workbook with lessons for each day of the year and a teacher's manual. Subject of *Return to Love (RC 34516)*. 1975.

Where Did Christmas Come From? RC 44006
by Al Remson
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Remson looks at various Christmas traditions such as trees, yule logs, hanging stockings, caroling, Christmas dinners, and gift giving, and explains how they began. 1996.

The Loss of a Pet RC 44007
by Wallace Sife
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Handbook on the effects of a pet's death by noted psychotherapist and founder of the Association for Pet Bereavement. Discusses such topics as the human-pet bond, the grieving process, euthanasia, children and the death of pets, getting another pet, and making use of different types of counseling. 1993.

Perfect Enemies: The Religious Right, the Gay Movement, and the Politics of the 1990s RC 44082
by Chris Bull and John Gallagher
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Chronicles the cultural battle over gay rights in the 1990s. Depicts the beliefs and goals of gay activists, as well as those of conservative Christians who see homosexual behavior as a symbol of moral decline. Discusses the major players and the tactics that they employ in the conflict. 1996.

John Wayne: American RC 44187
by Randy Roberts and James S. Olson
read by John Rayburn
6 cassettes
Life of one of Hollywood's most popular actors who appeared in nearly two hundred films over his fifty-year career. The authors detail his rise in Hollywood and his enormously successful roles in western and war films, as well as his three troubled marriages and criticism for his outspoken conservative views. Some strong language. 1995.

The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook RC 44198
by Emily Anne Croom
read by John Richardson
44 cassettes
In this companion to *Unpuzzling Your Past (RC 44197)*, Croom focuses on American genealogical research material beyond immediate family resources.

She focuses on records of state and federal censuses, courthouses, libraries, immigration records, and state and national archives. 1994.

Tramp: The Life of Charlie Chaplin RC 44382
by Joyce Milton
read by Michael Consoli
4 cassettes
Portrait of the first international film star. Chaplin's movie successes—*The Tramp*, *The Gold Rush*, and *City Lights*—and his founding of United Artists were often overshadowed by controversy, including his numerous affairs, messy divorces, tax problems, and association with leftist political causes. Some strong language. 1996.

Frommer's 96 Caribbean RC 44487
by Darwin Porter
read by Ralph Lowenstein
10 cassettes in 2 containers
Tips on dining, shopping, accommodations, and recreational activities in the Caribbean: the Cayman Islands, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Trinidad, Tobago, French West Indies, and the British and Dutch Windward and Leeward Islands. 1995.

Fodor's 96 Ireland RC 44488
by Fodor Staff
read by Terry Donnelly
5 cassettes
Tips on dining, shopping, sightseeing, accommodations, and recreational activities in Ireland. Specific chapters highlight Dublin and environs, the Lakelands, Northern Ireland, the Northwest, the Southwest, the West, the Southeast, and also Ireland's legendary golf courses. 1995.

Korea's Place in the Sun: A Modern History RC 44688
by Bruce Cumings
read by Jake Williams
5 cassettes
Traces the history and transformation of Korea, describing its ancient heritage, its opening to commerce after 1860, its annexation by Japan in 1910, its post-World War II partition, its war between North and South in the early 1950s, and its emergence as an industrial power and political force in the world. 1997.

Inventing Mark Twain: The Lives of Samuel Langhorne Clemens RC 44715
by Andrew Hoffman
read by Robert Sams
5 cassettes
Life of the beloved American writer and humorist who died in 1910 at the age of seventy-four. Hoffman explores the persona of Clemens's alter ego Mark Twain, an idealized public image used not only as a vehicle for self-promotion but also to rewrite a painful past. Some strong language. 1997.

Brain Droppings RC 44750
by George Carlin
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
A veteran comic offers zany observations and opinions on various aspects of life. Carlin cites oxymorons (mandatory options), redundancies (added bonus), and euphemisms (body bags equal remains pouches). He also relays his views of pretentiousness in twentieth-century society. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Blake RC 44809
by Peter Ackroyd
read by Erik Sandvold
4 cassettes
Life of the eighteenth-century English poet, painter, and engraver who died in 1827. Ackroyd examines the influence of William Blake's dissenting parents on his philosophical and religious views. He also frames the complex and challenging body of Blake's work, which went largely unnoticed in his lifetime, within the great social and political changes of his era. 1995.

Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson RC 44849
by Mitch Albom
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
Some twenty years after college, Mitch Albom rekindles his relationship with a former professor who is terminally ill. His weekly visits with his dying mentor become a colloquium on the meaning of life, and Albom gains insight into "love, work, community, family, aging, forgiveness, and, finally, death." Best-seller 1997.

Captured by History: One Man's Vision of Our Tumultuous Century RC 44876
by John Toland
read by Lewis Grenville
4 cassettes
Memoir of a historian who witnessed some of the twentieth century's significant events and interviewed many of its central figures. Recounts his adventures riding the rails as a hobo during the depression and his years in uniform during World War II. Violence. 1997.

Imagining Robert: My Brother, Madness, and Survival; a Memoir RC 44890
by Jay Neugeboren
read by Jeff Baker
2 cassettes
A writer's poignant account of his brother Robert's thirty-year history of severe mental illness. Traces Robert's early years as a gentle and gifted child; his first breakdown at nineteen; and his many frustrations dealing with mental institutions, radical treatments, and drug therapies. Strong language. 1997.

Jack Nicklaus: My Story RC 44895
by Jack Nicklaus
read by Steven Carpenter
4 cassettes
A portrait of the legendary athlete who was named Golfer of the Century in 1988. Traces his Ohio youth, recounts his major golfing triumphs and career highlights, and offers insights into the game and some of its leading personalities. 1997.

Selected Poetry RC 44912
by William Wordsworth
read by Gordon Gould
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Works of the English Romantic poet arranged chronologically from 1787 to 1834. The preface to the second edition of *Lyrical Ballads*, dated 1800, is also included. Contains an introduction by Mark Van Doren. 1950.

***The Knights, Peace, Wealth, The Birds, The Assembly Women* RC 44927**
by Aristophanes
read by George Holmes
3 cassettes
This prolific Greek playwright produced comedies for a period of about forty years during the late fifth and early fourth centuries B.C. Aristophanes was

apt to include political comments in his comedies, for which he was occasionally taken to court. In *The Knights*, for example, he satirizes the corrupt leadership of Athens during the Spartan War. 1978.

The Mother of All Windows 95 Books RC 44949
by Woody Leonhard and Barry Simon
read by John Richardson
10 cassettes in 2 containers
A chatty, humorous reference manual for the Microsoft Windows 95 program, offering "motherly" advice and tips on setting up the software on your computer and making it function correctly. Includes information on all the components of Windows 95, ranging from the basics to the complex technical and registry programs. 1996.

Anatomy of a Miracle: The End of Apartheid and the Birth of the New South Africa RC 45035
by Patti Waldmeir
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
A description of South Africa's laborious process of political and social reformation, which led to the abolishment of apartheid and the ascent to power of the African National Congress. The author draws on personal interviews conducted with the political figures who were central to the country's transformation. 1997.

The Coming Conflict with China RC 45039
by Richard Bernstein and Ross H. Munro
read by Robert Sams
2 cassettes
Predicts a looming Sino-American confrontation in the early twenty-first century when China becomes the world's second-most-powerful nation. The authors assert that as an ascendant and aggressive China moves to dominate Asia, the competitive tensions between that nation and the United States will rise. 1997.

Every Secret Thing: My Family, My Country RC 45042
by Gillian Slovo
read by Dani Carr
2 cassettes
Slovo revisits South Africa hoping to assemble the complete story of her parents, both anti-apartheid activists, like a jigsaw puzzle. She interweaves memories of her childhood with information gleaned from interviews with her dying father, Joe Slovo; other activists; and the former police officer who killed her mother with a letter bomb. 1997.

To Protect and to Serve: The LAPD's Century of War in the City of Dreams RC 45043
by Joe Domanick
read by Bob Moore
4 cassettes
A critical depiction of the Los Angeles Police Department as an arrogant and oppressive force that long served the interests of the wealthy establishment. Traces the department's history up to the Rodney King beating incident and the riots of the early 1990s, which triggered reforms. Strong language and violence. 1994.

Spider Eaters: A Memoir RC 45045
by Rae Yang
read by Mary Kane
3 cassettes
A woman recounts her early years in China during the Cultural Revolution, her service with the Red Guards in Bei-

jing, and her life on a squalid pig farm in the late 1960s. Depicts the "tremendous waste and unprecedented human tragedy" of the era. Violence. 1997.

Talking to the Ground: One Family's Journey on Horseback across the Sacred Land of the Navajo RC 45065
by Douglas Preston
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Chronicles a family's adventure through the Southwestern desert along the legendary trail of the Navajo deity "Monster Slayer." Along the way, the author describes the history of the territory, the Anasazi and Navajo cultures, the harsh climate, and the rugged terrain. 1995.

China Live: Two Decades in the Heart of the Dragon RC 45073
by Mike Chinoy
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
A CNN bureau chief's memoir of more than twenty years covering China. Chronicles the early days of the pro-democracy movement and its suppression, as well as social reactions to economic reforms. Explores the impact of global satellite coverage of key events such as the Tiananmen Square crisis in 1989. 1997.

Endangered Mexico: An Environment on the Edge RC 45083
by Joel Simon
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
An in-depth assessment of Mexico's environmental crisis, considering such factors as air pollution, soil erosion, deforestation, and depletion of the potable water supply. Traces developments from the Spanish conquest to the 1990s. Predicts dire political, economic, and social consequences. 1997.

Virus X: Tracking the New Killer Plagues; Out of the Present and into the Future RC 45085
by Frank Ryan
read by John Rayburn
3 cassettes
Physician examines the emergence of epidemic infections and their possible connection with human disruption of the world's ecology. Propounds a theory of "aggressive symbiosis," by which a virus attacks the invader of its host's environment. Warns that environmental abuse could produce future plagues. 1997.

Dreaming: Hard Luck and Good Times in America RC 45098
by Carolyn See
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Author Carolyn See relates the past one hundred years of her family's story. Throughout four generations, drink and now drugs have played a major role. Without offering any solution, See speculates that society condones substance abuse in order to keep the masses tranquilized. Strong language and some violence. 1995.

How to Be a Perfect Stranger: A Guide to Etiquette in Other People's Religious Ceremonies RC 45103
edited by Arthur J. Magida
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
A guide to the beliefs, life-cycle events, and celebrations of major religious denominations within the United States, designed to help visitors feel comfortable and participate in services. Includes Roman Catholic, Greek Ortho-

dox, Baptist, Episcopalian, Jewish, Presbyterian, Quaker, and Mormon practices. Followed by *How to Be a Perfect Stranger, Volume 2 (RC 45104)*. 1996.

The Universe Below: Discovering the Secrets of the Deep Sea RC 45122
by William J. Broad
read by Bruce Huntey
4 cassettes
Chronicles the exploration of the largest unexamined part of the earth, the deep sea. Traces the human quest to understand the sea from ancient times to the modern day, when advanced technologies are fast pushing back the undersea frontier. Reveals recent geologic and biological discoveries from deep research. 1997.

A Young Girl's Diary RC 45126
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
The purported diary of an Austrian girl from the age of eleven to fourteen first published in Vienna in 1919. Gretel writes about her school, teachers, family, friends, starting menstruation, and trying to learn how babies are conceived. The introduction, written in 1989, discusses the history and authenticity of the diary. 1990.

Promised Land, Crusader State: The American Encounter with the World since 1776 RC 45127
by Walter A. McDougall
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
Explores the principles, values, and history of American foreign policy. Examines eight distinct traditions that have influenced the nation's diplomacy over two centuries. Argues that the global interventionist policies of Presidents Johnson and Clinton have harmed the United States. 1997.

Rage for Fame: The Ascent of Clare Boothe Luce RC 45128
by Sylvia Jukes Morris
read by Janis Gray
4 cassettes
This volume covers Luce from her birth in 1903 to her successful congressional campaign in 1942. During this time she achieved fame as a playwright, a war correspondent, a magazine editor, a fiction writer, a socialite, and the wife of Henry Luce, the publisher of *Time*. In the six years before her death in 1987, Luce granted Morris numerous interviews and access to letters and diaries. 1997.

Mathematical Mysteries: The Beauty and Magic of Numbers RC 45132
by Calvin C. Clawson
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Reflects on the inherent beauty, interconnectedness, and compelling truth of mathematics. Defines numbers, examines their sequences and series, and explores exotic mathematical relationships that have challenged great minds through the ages. 1996.

Promiscuities: The Secret Struggle for Womanhood RC 45136
by Naomi Wolf
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Wolf examines the difficulties of adolescent girls coming of age sexually in American society. She recalls what it was like to grow up after the sexual revolution of the 1970s and analyzes attitudes toward female sexuality in American society and other cultures in the

late 1990s. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. 1997.

The Living and the Dead: Robert McNamara and Five Lives of a Lost War RC 45138
by Paul Hendrickson
read by Barry Bernson
4 cassettes
Examines the career of McNamara, secretary of defense under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, juxtaposed with the lives of several other people who were profoundly affected by the Vietnam War. Includes the stories of a Quaker who immolated himself in protest and an artist who attempted to kill McNamara. Some violence. 1996.

White Gloves: How We Create Ourselves through Memory RC 45182
by John Kotre
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
A psychologist explores the issue of autobiographical memory—the recollection of people, events, objects, and feelings that make up the story of one's life. Describes memory as dynamic, evolving, and ever-revising the history and image of self. Examines questions of faulty, false, photographic, and repressed memories. 1995.

The Words We Live By: The Creeds, Mottoes, and Pledges That Have Shaped America RC 45195
by Brian Burrell
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
In this anthology of major texts that have influenced life in the United States, the author compiles works ranging from the Golden Rule to the Mafia initiation oath. What began as a family hobby evolved into this collection of essays revolving around popular sayings. 1997.

Mad House: Growing Up in the Shadow of Mentally Ill Siblings RC 45196
by Clea Simon
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes
A woman recounts growing up as a "well" child with a schizophrenic brother and sister. Portrays the guilt, fear, and compensatory behaviors with which she and her parents handled the family's dysfunction. Offers practical advice for healthy persons with mentally ill siblings. 1997.

His Eye Is on the Sparrow: An Autobiography RC 45235
by Ethel Waters
read by Connie Winston
3 cassettes
Recollections of singer, Broadway actress, and Hollywood star Ethel Waters about her tumultuous career and personal life. Successes such as her Oscar-nominated role in *Pinky* (1949) contrast with her experience of day-to-day discrimination and segregation. Reissue of 1951 autobiography with new preface. 1992.

Portrait of My Body RC 45241
by Phillip Lopate
read by Richard Davidson
2 cassettes
The essays in this sequel to *Against Joie de Vivre* focus on the human condition and on fatherhood. The author portrays his relationships with his father, a former lover, and friends. He shares personal insights of love, marriage, teaching, movies, and other aspects of life. Strong language. 1996.

Bessie RC 45244
by Chris Albertson
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
Biography of Bessie Smith from exuberant young jazz singer in 1912 to "Empress of the Blues." Covers Smith's tumultuous marriage and social life, her concert tours in the eastern United States, and her untimely death in 1937. Based on press stories and interviews with Smith's niece. Strong language and some violence. 1972.

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff and It's All Small Stuff: Simple Ways to Keep the Little Things from Taking Over Your Life RC 45257
by Richard Carlson
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
A guide for achieving personal serenity by altering perspective and practicing a more relaxed lifestyle. Offers strategies and exercises for "letting go" of problems and following the path of least resistance. Bestseller 1997.

One by One from the Inside Out: Essays and Reviews on Race and Responsibility in America RC 45283
by Glenn C. Loury
read by Jake Williams
3 cassettes
This collection of essays on American race relations also includes book reviews of authors Cornel West, Andrew Hacker, and Shelby Steele. Loury addresses such issues as black-Jewish attitudes, hate speech on college campuses, and the state of African American leadership. Some strong language. 1995.

The Good Life: Helen and Scott Nearing's Sixty Years of Self-Sufficient Living RC 45293
by Helen and Scott Nearing
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
Describes how in 1932 a married couple left New York City for the backwoods of Vermont in search of a life of "simplicity, serenity, utility, and harmony." This account of their pioneering venture tells how they built a house, worked a self-sufficient farm, and lived a satisfying life in nature. 1982.

Forbidden Knowledge: From Prometheus to Pornography RC 45294
by Roger Shattuck
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
An inquiry into "dangerous knowledge" —scientific and literary—in Western civilization, along with ethical questions that are raised. Examines "forbidden" sources that range from folklore and myth to the writings of Marquis de Sade. Considers human conscience related to research such as the development of the atomic bomb. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Old Books, Rare Friends: Two Literary Sleuths and Their Shared Passion RC 45299
by Leona Rostenberg and Madeleine Stern
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
A joint autobiography of two lifelong friends and partners in the antiquarian book trade. Traces their lives from girlhood in the early 1900s, their careers as scholars and writers, and their fifty years in the rare book business. The

authors recount their contributions to the literary world. 1997.

Yamsi: A Year in the Life of a Wilderness Ranch RC 45307
by Dayton O. Hyde
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
Hyde's love of the land and respect for its history are evident in this journal of his family's cattle-ranching operation in Oregon. A testament to a disappearing way of life where the seasons and nature's rhythms set the daily schedule. Hyde was late for his own birthday party, for example, because he was delivering a calf. 1971.

Flight of Passage RC 45310
by Rinker Buck
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Recounts the coast-to-coast flight of two teenage aviators in 1966. Piloting a restored three-hundred-dollar Piper Cub, the New Jersey brothers followed the route blazed by their barnstorming father in the early 1940s. Chronicles the boys' adventures aloft and during stops en route. Strong language. 1997.

Cassette Books, 1997 RC 45332
by National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
read by various narrators
4 cassettes
A catalog of talking books produced on cassette for adult and young adult readers during 1997. The nonfiction and fiction sections list books by subject categories. Separate listings identify books for young adult readers and for Spanish readers. 1997.

The Book of Yaak RC 45338
by Rick Bass
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
A nature writer observes the beauty and serenity of the Yaak Valley in Montana. Bass opines that the destruction of the Yaak and other wilderness areas by commercial endeavors is socially and ecologically contemptible. 1996.

Listening with My Heart RC 45339
by Heather Whitestone
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
The author tells of growing up deaf after a childhood illness and dreaming first of being a dancer and then of being a beauty pageant winner. Crowned Miss America in 1995, Whitestone became the first victor with a disability. She tells of her belief that she is following God's plan and describes the five guiding principles that helped her find success. 1997.

Nearer, My God: An Autobiography of Faith RC 45436
by William F. Buckley
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
A memoir of the author's life as a Catholic. Includes biographical reminiscences of religious moments in Buckley's life: traveling to Lourdes, the ordination of a nephew, and his mother's death. Discusses his views on Catholic theology, particularly regarding birth control, divorce, and women priests. Bestseller 1997.

Fire on Earth: Doomsday, Dinosaurs, and Humankind RC 45471
by John and Mary Gribbin
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
British science writers provide an overview on how interstellar collisions and meteoroidal impacts have shaped life on earth, beginning with the dinosaurs. They discuss different technologies that could be used in the future to prevent a calamitous collision between the Earth and an asteroid. 1996.

Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work: 101 Stories of Courage, Compassion, and Creativity in the Workplace RC 45472
edited by Jack Canfield and others
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
A collection of poignant and inspiring anecdotes about caring, commitment, and creativity in corporate America. In an era of downsizing and unstable employment, these stories provide a spiritual counterpoint to the sometimes harsh realities of the work world. 1996.

The Future of the Race RC 45477
by Henry Louis Gates and Cornel West
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
Two African American intellectuals reexamine W.E.B. DuBois's theory of "the Talented Tenth," which declared that educated black people bear a special obligation to lead and uplift their race. The authors explore the theory's relevance in the late 1990s and offer their own views on advancing minority interests. 1996.

The Smithsonian Book of the First Ladies: Their Lives, Times, and Issues RC 45486
edited by Edith P. Mayo
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes
Brief biographies of forty-three American first ladies, describing their accomplishments as well as problems they encountered. Includes historical information and social issues that influenced women in each era, such as temperance, suffrage, and education. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

Social and Psychological Foundations of Rehabilitation RC 45495
by Robert A. Chubon
read by Dave Jackson
3 cassettes
Examines the interdisciplinary process of rehabilitation with the aim of promoting education and collaboration in the field. Discusses the origins, philosophy, concepts, and practice of rehabilitation. Explores issues affecting rehabilitators and their clients. 1994.

Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate over Science and Religion RC 45497
by Edward J. Larson
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
A historical account of the 1925 Scopes "monkey" trial, when the state of Tennessee prosecuted John Scopes for teaching evolution in a public school. The courtroom arguments featured the famous orators William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow debating religion and the state's right to dictate school curriculum. 1997.

Wave-Rings in the Water: My Years with the Women of Postwar Japan RC 45514
by Carmen Johnson
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
Memoir of an American woman who served in the Allied occupation of Japan after World War II. Recounts her efforts and experiences promoting democratic values and women's rights in the traditionally authoritarian and male-dominated culture. 1996.

All Rivers Run to the Sea: Memoirs RC 45516
by Elie Wiesel
read by Ralph Lowenstein
4 cassettes
A leading witness to the Holocaust and the fate of the Jewish people recalls his family's suffering, the survivors' efforts to reconstruct their lives, and his experiences as a writer and journalist working to record the truth for succeeding generations. 1995.

***Electra* and Other Plays: *Ajax*, *Electra*, *Women of Trachis*, *Philoctetes* RC 45519**
by Sophocles
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
Fifth-century B.C. Greek plays. Ajax, angered when the armor of Achilles is awarded to his rival, Odysseus, becomes mad and commits suicide. Electra and her brother slay their mother and her lover to avenge their father's murder. Deianeira creates disaster preparing for the return of her husband in *Women of Trachis*. Philoctetes, a victim of cruelty, possesses the power to take Troy. 1953.

Thoughts on the East RC 45532
by Thomas Merton
read by Gordon Gould
1 cassette
Reflections of a noted Trappist monk and writer on major religions of the East. Defines and describes Taoism, Buddhism, Sufism, and Hinduism. Observes principles and themes that these religions share with their Western counterparts. Includes introductory materials by George Woodcock. 1995.

Cafe Europa: Life after Communism RC 45543
by Slavenka Drakulic
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
A Croatian journalist reflects on post-communist society and life in her country between 1992 and 1996. Depicts a deprived and marginalized people "longing for Europe and all that it stands for" as they strive to achieve democracy and a free-market economy for themselves. 1996.

Happiness Is a Serious Problem: A Human Nature Repair Manual RC 45551
by Dennis Prager
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
The author, a popular radio host in Los Angeles, addresses the emotion of happiness. Prager contends that happiness is a habit that people owe to themselves and others to achieve. Gives practical suggestions to establish new attitudes and behaviors. Bestseller 1998.

Worry: Controlling It and Using It Wisely RC 45699
by Edward M. Hallowell
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
Dr. Hallowell, an expert on attention deficit disorder, turns to a study on worry, in both its destructive and productive forms. Hallowell analyzes the uses and benefits of worry and discusses when to seek help if someone worries too much. Offers recommendations on how to maintain a healthy balance. 1997.

How Good Do We Have to Be? A New Understanding of Guilt and Forgiveness RC 45710
by Harold S. Kushner
read by Bill Wallace
1 cassette
Kushner, who wrote *When Bad Things Happen to Good People (RD 17257)*, asserts that individuals demand too much of themselves in regard to sin and guilt. By offering a different approach to the story of Adam and Eve, Kushner suggests that God forgives our mistakes—experiences from which people learn and grow. Bestseller 1996.

Cassettes Fiction

China White RC 41106
by Peter Maas
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
Y.K. Deng, a successful Hong Kong businessman, seeks an American law firm to manage his interests as he relocates to the U.S. prior to the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong. Tom MacLean is eager to get Deng as a client, unaware that Deng will use him (and his father's CIA connections) to unload a huge shipment of heroin. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Exodus from the Long Sun: The Book of the Long Sun, Book 4 RC 41108
by Gene Wolfe
read by John Horton
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Caldé of the Long Sun (RC 40293)*, the story of the huge spacecraft *Whorl* reaches its climax as Patera Silk, the young priest who has become ruler, is confronted by an army of aliens. Some violence. 1996.

The Burglar in the Library: A Bernie Rhodenbarr Mystery RC 41109
by Lawrence Block
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
Bernie Rhodenbarr and his pal Carolyn are staying at Cuttleford House, a bed-and-breakfast in New England. Bernie is there to steal an autographed first edition of Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep (RC 32657)*. But when he slips into the library late one night to take the book, he finds a corpse instead. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Legacy RC 41110
by Greg Bear
read by John Stratton
3 cassettes
Hexamon agent Olmy Ap Sennon undertakes a mission to investigate a rebel group that illegally activated the time-space tunnel to escape to the new planet of Lamarckia. When he arrives on Lamarckia, he finds a brutal war in progress and a fragile ecology disrupted by human presence. Sequel to *Eon*

(RC 24498). Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

In the Middle of the Night RC 42721
by Robert Cormier
read by John Lescault
1 cassette
Twenty-five years ago, young John Paul was an usher in the old Globe Theater. During a show for orphans, the balcony collapsed, killing and injuring children. John Paul was questioned about the incident and has been receiving harassing phone calls ever since. He has tried to shield his family, but now his sixteen-year-old son, Denny, is targeted by one of the survivors. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Delta Wedding RC 42722
by Eudora Welty
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A quiet novel celebrating a large Southern family. In September 1923, nine-year-old Laura travels to her cousin's wedding in the Mississippi delta. Laura is glad to be enveloped by the family because her mother has recently died. She enjoys the boys' wildness, the girls' companionship, and her aunts' and uncles' strong love. 1946.

The Rifle RC 42723
by Gary Paulsen
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
In 1768 gunsmith Cornish McManus crafts a "sweet" rifle, the masterpiece of his life's work. The story tracks the gun's ownership through more than two hundred years, including the Revolutionary War period. In 1993 a new owner displays the weapon over his mantel, where it accidentally discharges with tragic consequences. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1995.

Between a Rock and a Hard Place RC 42881
by Alden R. Carter
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
A few years ago Mark's brother and a friend took the same canoe trip that Mark's father and uncle completed long ago. Now Mark and his cousin Randy are going, and they are both unhappy with the idea. But as the trip turns nightmarish, the two boys find strength in their new friendship. Some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

A Nun in the Closet RC 42882
by Dorothy Gilman
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Two nuns venture from their cloistered world to explore an estate that was mysteriously bequeathed to their abbey. There they find a murder victim, a suitcase stuffed with money, and a commune of hippies. Armed only with faith and determination, the sisters vow to set things right. 1975.

The Two-Bear Mambo RC 43183
by Joe R. Lansdale
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
The biracial investigating team of Hap Collins and Leonard Pine venture into a racist East Texas town looking for the missing Florida Grange, who is Hap's former lover and Leonard's lawyer. The two sleuths have a raucous series of humorous and brutal encounters with some local rednecks before they resolve Florida's fate. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Various Antidotes: Stories RC 43226
by Joanna Scott
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes
Eleven short stories involving real and imaginary figures from science and medicine with the myths and theories of their particular times. Two of the real characters are William Burke, who was hanged for selling the bodies of his murder victims to an anatomy professor, and Dorothea Dix, who sought humane treatment for the insane. 1994.

The House across the Cove RC 43285
by Barbara Hall
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Sixteen-year-old Tyler Crane is spending a troubled summer alone at the lake following his father's suicide. When Tyler becomes curious about the empty house across the water, he and his new girlfriend, Abby, investigate and stumble upon a criminal plot that puts both of their lives in jeopardy. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Ancient Rage RC 43407
by Mary Lee Wile
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Years after the death of John the Baptist, his mother, Elizabeth, talks with Mary, who has lost her son, Jesus. Elizabeth is filled with rage at the martyrdom of her beloved son, whom she miraculously conceived after being barren and ashamed for many years. The women share their grief as mothers, and Mary offers the embittered Elizabeth comfort and a sense of grace that she has found for herself. 1995.

The Journal of Callie Wade RC 43653
by Dawn Miller
read by Anne Mullen
2 cassettes
The fictional diary of an eighteen-year-old Missouri farm girl, describing her family's trek to California by wagon train in 1859. Her journal conveys the sorrow of leaving home and childhood friends, the perils and privations of the trail, and the hope and courage that sustained the pioneers. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

A House Divided: Good Earth Trilogy, Volume 3 RC 43659
by Pearl S. Buck
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Sons (RC 37612)*, Wang Yuan, son of Wang the Tiger, returns home after six years abroad to find his native China in the midst of a peasant rebellion. While his sister dishonors the family with her premarital pregnancy, and his warlord father stubbornly adheres to traditional ways, Wang Yuan tries to restore peace to his family. 1930.

Blameless in Abaddon RC 43681
by James Morrow
read by Ray Hagen
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Towing Jehovah (RC 43408)*, God, it turns out, is not dead but merely comatose, and his body is hauled from the Arctic to Florida, where it becomes the featured attraction at Orlando's "Celestial City USA." Embittered judge Martin Candle helps bring God to the World Court in The Hague to answer for all the world's injustices. Some strong language. 1996.

In the Language of Love: A Novel in One Hundred Chapters RC 43758
by Diane Schoemperlen
read by Susan McInerney
3 cassettes
Joanna comes of age in a small Canadian town in the 1950s and 1960s and eventually moves to Toronto, where she works as an artist while looking for love. She explores the relationships between daughter and father, mother and child, and husband and wife. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Fairy Tales of Hermann Hesse RC 43829
by Hermann Hesse
read by Conrad Feininger
2 cassettes
Twenty-two tales, written between 1904 and 1918, in which Hesse seeks to contend with what he sees as "the sinister threat of science and commercialism," and which mirror events in Hesse's life. Some stories explore the ironies of romantic failure and artistic success, and others reflect changes within society. 1995.

The Bridges at Toko-ri RC 44004
by James A. Michener
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette (Reissue)
A bitter novel of the Korean War. Pilot Harry Brubaker of Task Force 77 is sent to bomb and destroy the communist-held bridges at Toko-ri to prevent supplies from being moved to the front lines. Married and the father of two small children, Harry questions why he has to risk his life in a senseless war. 1953.

The Hippopotamus Pool RC 44009
by Elizabeth Peters
read by Barbara Rappaport
3 cassettes
Amelia Peabody, her husband Radcliffe, son Ramses, and ward Nefret are back in Egypt to begin another summer of exploring tombs. One evening Amelia and Radcliffe meet with a stranger who indicates he knows where to find the tomb of Queen Tetisheri. But before he can reveal the location, he becomes ill and then disappears. As they search for the tomb, Amelia and Radcliffe must also deal with the kidnapping of Ramses. 1996.

Infinite Jest RC 44028
by David Foster Wallace
read by Steven Carpenter
10 cassettes
Infinite Jest, a movie so funny that people lose interest in everything else, was produced by Dr. Incandenza, who has one son at Enfield Tennis Academy and one at Ennet House, a home for recovering alcoholics and narcotics addicts. The two institutions' residents become involved with a Quebecois separatist who wants to distribute copies of the film. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Them RC 44102
by Joyce Carol Oates
read by Laura Giannarelli
4 cassettes (Reissue)
A novel of violence in the lives of a working-class white family, set in Detroit from the 1930s depression to the riots of 1967. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. National Book Award winner 1970. 1969.

So Good RC 44346
by Venise Berry
read by Robin Miles
2 cassettes
Three African American women in Washington, D.C., struggle to make stable lives. Lisa, a vivacious Ph.D. student, falls for Walter, who pursues a risky lifestyle. Unhappily married Danielle consorts with a younger man at work. Sundi is on a collision course with her prim Nigerian husband. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Until the End RC 44412
by Harold Coyle
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
Virginia, 1863. After two years of fighting on opposite sides during the Civil War, brothers James and Kevin Bannon are tired and fatalistic about their future. Yet James, a Virginia regiment private, and Kevin, a New Jersey regiment captain, along with the women they love resolve to carry out their commitments to ideals and country. Sequel to *Look Away (RC 44411)*. Some strong language. 1996.

Shattered Rainbows RC 44463
by Mary Jo Putney
read by Vanessa Maroney
3 cassettes
Lord Michael Kenyon doesn't mind risking his life for England; perhaps it will help him forget the past. Catherine Melbourne doesn't mind being a battlefield nurse; after all, her husband is in the war. But when Catherine saves Michael's life on more than one occasion, he will do anything for her. He even pretends to be her husband. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Drown RC 44468
by Junot Díaz
read by Peter Gil
1 cassette
Stories depicting the hardscrabble lives of young Latino men in areas ranging from the streets of the Dominican Republic to the urban slums of New Jersey. In "Aurora," a small-time drug dealer dreams of escaping his plight and finding acceptance and a stable life. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Novellas and Other Writings RC 44501
by Edith Wharton
read by Barbara Caruso
8 cassettes
This collection of Wharton's novellas includes *Life and I*, an autobiographical fragment about her childhood, and *A Backward Glance*, a more complete account of her friendships and writing career. Her stories, often satirical, depict upper-class American society, a subject she knew intimately. 1990.

Sweet Savage Love RC 44502
by Rosemary Rogers
read by Suzanne Toren
4 cassettes (Reissue)
A Paris-educated senator's daughter experiences high adventure and many love affairs in post-Civil War New Orleans, the West, and Mexico during the reign of Maximilian. Prequel to *Dark Fires (RC 12232)*. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1974.

Conquerors' Heritage RC 44617
by Timothy Zahn
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
An alien race called the Zhirrzh is on the brink of all-out interstellar war with a new and deadly race—the Humans.

Young searcher Thrr-gilag learns that despite their powers, the Zhirrzh are no match for Human technology, and he works fervently to prove to his superiors that the Humans do not want war. Sequel to *Conquerors' Pride (RC 42756)*. 1995.

Richter 10 RC 44713
by Arthur C. Clarke and Mike McQuay
read by David Elias
3 cassettes
In a near-future America devastated by ecological disaster, ruled by Chinese corporations, and split along racial and religious lines, seismologist Lewis Crane tries to prove to an unbelieving world that a colossal Richter 10 earthquake is imminent. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Aristoi RC 44728
by Walter Jon Williams
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
Gabriel is one of the Aristoi, highly advanced humans who use their mastery of virtual reality to explore distant places in the electronic world of the Hyperlogos. He soon learns that a rebellious Aristoi threatens to tamper with the society's entire data system. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

Seeing a Large Cat RC 44758
by Elizabeth Peters
read by Barbara Rappaport
3 cassettes
Amelia Peabody and her family have come to Cairo in 1903 for an archaeological dig in the Valley of the Kings. Upon their arrival, her husband, Radcliff, receives a note warning them to stay away from tomb Twenty-A. Naturally that is no deterrent to Amelia. Within the tomb, they find a mummy, but it is not an ancient Egyptian. Best-seller 1997.

Mason and Dixon RC 44857
by Thomas Pynchon
read by Christopher Walker
5 cassettes
A satirical account of the exploits of eighteenth-century Englishmen Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, who set the famed boundary that bears their names. Written in period diction, the story tells of their early ventures and the later survey when they braved the wilderness to divide the American colonies north from south. 1997.

The Peacemaker RC 44871
by Mark J. Livingstone
read by Robert Sams
4 cassettes
Jarvis MacFarlane becomes president of the United States following the assassination of his predecessor in this novel of political intrigue. He manages the challenges of the office and the crisis of the crumbling Soviet Union, while members of his own political party—and even his family—work to undermine him. 1990.

***Pigeon Feathers* and Other Stories**
RC 44879
by John Updike
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
Contains nineteen of Updike's early short stories developing some of his favorite themes: everyday life in America, remembering the past, and coping with love and marriage. "Packed Dirt, Churchgoing, a Dying Cat, a Traded Car," for example, views mundane circumstances with wry humor. 1962.

The Keepers of Echowah RC 44883
by Sonny Sammons
read by Robert Sams
1 cassette
After being orphaned at a young age, twin boys Matty and Patty MacDonald grow up on their eccentric uncle's fifteen-thousand-acre hunting plantation in southern Georgia. The boys come of age as they experience adventure, young love, and, eventually, military training and combat in southeast Asia. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Over There RC 44884
by Kyle Jarrard
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
A surreal adventure set in motion by Marc's decision to write about the life of his grandfather, Ansel, who left Paris for Mexico years before. Ansel's story, later continued by Marc's father, Henri, leads the three men to a remote island where the family reconciles its past. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

About Schmidt RC 44886
by Louis Begley
read by David Elias
2 cassettes
Following the death of his beloved wife, retired lawyer Albert Schmidt repairs to the family's Long Island beach mansion. When Schmidt's estranged yuppie daughter betroths a Jewish lawyer, Schmidt's staid life goes out of control as he begins a new love and seeks a second youth. Strong language and description of sex. 1996.

The Obsession RC 44892
by Catherine Cookson
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Twenty-one-year-old Beatrice Steel, the eldest of four girls, has been running the house since the death of her mother. After her father's untimely death, Beatrice learns she may lose her most prized possession—the family home. Without regard for anyone else, Beatrice becomes obsessed with keeping the estate and her way of life intact. 1995.

Toward the Sunrising: Cheney Duvall, M.D., Volume 4 RC 44908
by Lynn and Gilbert Morris
read by Suzanne Toren
3 cassettes
When Shiloh Irons, Cheney Duvall's nurse, decides to go to Charleston, Cheney goes along to check on her father's business. But Charleston is in the throes of Reconstruction, and they find their lives in danger. Sequel to *A City Not Forsaken (RC 42412)*. 1996.

All We Hold Dear RC 44911
by Kathryn Lynn Davis
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
4 cassettes
This sequel to *Too Deep for Tears (RC 32648)* returns to idyllic Glen Affric in northern Scotland. In 1988, on her eighteenth birthday, Eva Crawford discovers she is adopted and that her birth mother is Celia Ward. The story alternates between 1988 and the 1880s as Eva learns the history of her real family. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Histories of Gargantua and Pantagruel RC 44919
by François Rabelais
read by Frank Coffee
5 cassettes
First published in the early sixteenth century, this five-part satirical work describes the lives of the giant Gargantua and his son Pantagruel as they come into conflict with the oppressive institutions of France: the church and the educational and legal systems. Strong language. 1955.

Mona in the Promised Land RC 44923
by Gish Jen
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
In 1968, Helen and Ralph Chang, from *Typical American (RC 34180)*, move the family to a liberal and posh suburb. They want the kids to be Americanized, but do not expect the wild turn of events funny and flippant Mona goes through. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Show of Evil RC 44959
by William Diehl
read by Ray Foushee
3 cassettes
Ten years ago, Martin Vail's defense kept murderer Aaron Stampler out of prison and in a mental institution. But when new crimes remind the attorney of the earlier case, Vail, now a prosecutor, recruits his former opponent, Jane Venable, to determine if Stampler is involved. Sequel to *Primal Fear (RC 36757)*. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Storm and the Splendor RC 44963
by Jennifer Blake
read by Mary Ann Nichols
4 cassettes
As her father's confidante, Julia Marie Dupré of New Orleans is well aware of his involvement in plans to rescue Napoleon from St. Helena. But she didn't expect that she would be on the ship undertaking the mission. Then her father dies, and Julia is at the mercy of a shipful of men. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 1979.

Wicked Women RC 44965
by Fay Weldon
read by Lindsay Ellison
2 cassettes
Twenty short stories written between 1972 and 1997 dealing with wicked women, wicked men, wicked children, and trips to the therapist. People break up each other's marriages, adult children force parents from their homes, and a ghost takes revenge on her widower. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 1997.

Doomsday Creek RC 44966
by Clifton Adams
read by Phillip Clark
2 cassettes
On the hostile West Texas plains in 1870, an army officer hires Casey, a bibulous local scout, to guide his family on a perilous venture.When they encounter an Indian raiding party, Casey must summon all of his strength and cunning to deliver his party from danger. Violence. 1964.

Spill RC 44973
by Les Standiford
read by Gary Roan
2 cassettes
When a tanker truck carrying illegal

warfare virus crashes in Yellowstone Park, ranger Jack Fairchild is shocked to realize those responsible for the accident plan to cover it up by making sure no one survives. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

The Last of the Savages RC 45033
by Jay McInerney
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes
Wealthy rebel Will Savage and struggling conformist Patrick Keane establish a close friendship at an elite New England prep school in the 1960s. They preserve their relationship as their lives diverge over thirty years. Explores differences in class, generation, race, and willingness to conform to social norms. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Break a Leg, Darlings RC 45034
by Marian Babson
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
Aging actresses Trixie Dolan and Evangeline Sinclair are trying desperately to find a play to star in, and their quest takes them to some of the seedier theaters and pubs in London. In one, they inadvertently kidnap a wolfhound and are stalked by its poet owner. In another, their hated rival suspiciously falls from some rickety steps. 1995.

The Weight of Water RC 45041
by Anita Shreve
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
A photographer ventures with her family to a tiny island off the New Hampshire coast to research an axe murder that happened there in 1873. She learns from a diary the shocking truth about the ancient crime—and realizes that the events leading to the disaster seem to mirror those of her own life. Violence. 1997.

Pirates RC 45053
by Linda Lael Miller
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
Phoebe Turlow, newly divorced and out of a job, decides to take advantage of a "free vacation" in the Caribbean. When she arrives, Phoebe feels she has come home though she has never been here before. But then she gets off her hotel elevator and finds herself back in 1780 in the home of a pirate! Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Flowers in the Blood RC 45100
by Gay Courter
read by Jill Ferris
6 cassettes
Based on actual events, this story of Dinah Sassoon recounts effects of her mother's murder on Sassoon's life. In the late 1800s in Calcutta's Jewish community, Sassoon—whose family wealth comes from the opium trade—struggles to overcome the past to find happiness with her second husband and to take control of the family business. Some violence and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1990.

Forged in Honor RC 45116
by Leonard B. Scott
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
When Americans are killed and the embassy in Burma is torched, the White House recalls to active duty retired army colonel Joshua Hawkins. Hawkins, who grew up in Burma, returns there on a covert mission and uncovers a plot by

drug lords to overthrow the government. Strong language and violence. 1995.

The Last Heroes: Men at War, Volume 1 RC 45119
by W.E.B. Griffin
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
As the clouds of war are forming over Europe in June 1941, two navy instructors are dispatched on a covert mission to find a source of uranium for an atomic bomb. Their adventure involves abducting a French mining engineer to get information on a lode in the Belgian Congo. Strong language. 1985.

Power Curve RC 45121
by Richard Herman
read by Ann Hodapp
3 cassettes
Upon the unexpected death of the president, Vice President Madeline Turner takes over the Oval Office. Beset by foreign crises and political intrigue, the untested chief executive discovers a valuable ally and advisor in the Executive Cabinet. Meanwhile China and Japan are poised for war. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Hope of Earth: Geodyssey, Volume 3 RC 45123
by Piers Anthony
read by Madelyn Buzzard
4 cassettes
This sequel to *Shame of Man (RC 41902)* tells the stories of six primitive siblings as they are reborn over and over through the ages up to the year 2025. Portrays their timeless human qualities, which sustain them early on but ultimately threaten their very survival. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Burning Your Boats: The Collected Short Stories RC 45129
by Angela Carter
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
4 cassettes
A collection of bizarre short stories featuring themes and characters from legend and history. In the gothic tale "The Bloody Chamber," a virginal bride recounts the events of her wedding night with her husband, who is likened to the notorious Bluebeard. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

An Independent Woman RC 45133
by Howard Fast
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Barbara Lavette, matriarch of a diverse California family, writes columns for her ex-husband's newspaper. After being robbed in her home, Barbara refuses to prosecute her assailant, believing him a victim of society, and instead tries to rehabilitate him. Shortly after, while planning a family wedding, Barbara unexpectedly falls in love with the minister, Philip Carter. Sequel to *The Immigrant's Daughter (RC 23734)*. 1997.

Kiss Me, Katie RC 45134
by Robin Lee Hatcher
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
In 1916, Katie Jones returns to her Idaho hometown to convince women to exercise their newly won right to vote. The first person she sees is her childhood friend Ben Rafferty, who is now the newspaper editor. Although Katie has no place for marriage in her own future, she's disappointed to learn Ben is courting someone. Some strong lan-

guage and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Medicine Shield RC 45137
by Donald Clayton Porter
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
White Indian Renno's glee over the British defeat at New Orleans is cut short by the blinding of his son Ta-na, the obvious heir of the Seneca. In desperation, Renno beseeches a mysterious medicine man to restore the boy's sight and preserve his nation. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Tread upon the Lion: The Liberty Bell, Book 3 RC 45139
by Gilbert Morris
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
New England, 1776. This sequel to *Song in a Strange Land (RC 44480)* continues the story of the Bradfords and the Gordons. Clive Gordon, a Tory, falls in love with Katherine Yancy as he helps care for her father and uncle, who are aboard a prison ship. Meanwhile, Clive's patriot uncle, Daniel Bradford, becomes involved in a struggle to save his adopted son, Matthew, from the boy's real father, Sir Leo Rochester. 1996.

The Bastard Prince: The Heirs of Saint Camber, Volume 3 RC 45140
by Katherine Kurtz
read by James DeLotel
4 cassettes
In this sequel to *King Javan's Year (RC 36749)*, Rhys Michael is now king, even though the Regents remain in control of Gwynedd. But Marek of Festil, one of Gwynedd's bastard Deryni kings, plans to seize the throne. Rhys Michael must prevent the takeover. And fortunately for him, his latent Deryni powers are on the rise. Some strong language and some violence. 1994.

The Ghost RC 45158
by Danielle Steel
read by Janis Gray
3 cassettes
After a ten-year marriage ends, all Charlie Waterston has now is the future. He is leaving his architectural job in London and returning to New York. Too devastated to work, Charlie takes a leave of absence to go skiing in Vermont. But a snow storm leaves him stranded in Massachusetts, where a stay at a bed and breakfast changes his life forever. Bestseller 1997.

Wizard and Glass: The Dark Tower, Volume 4 RC 45159
by Stephen King
read by David Palmer
5 cassettes
In the sequel to *The Waste Lands (RC 33943)*, Roland and his band continue their quest for the Tower by following a beam of energy. Roland also, in a flashback, narrates the tale of his first love, Susan Delgado. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The Winner RC 45162
by David Baldacci
read by Sharon Murray
4 cassettes
LuAnn Tyler, a poor unwed mother in rural Georgia, is asked by a stranger to take part in an illegal lottery scheme. LuAnn unwillingly accepts the winning ticket in exchange for a life abroad. But when she tries to return ten years later, she jeopardizes her life. Some violence. Bestseller 1997.

Echo House RC 45181
by Ward Just
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
Tale that spans three generations of a powerful Washington, D.C., family. The political betrayal of Senator Adolph Behl brings his son, Axel, to understand the subtle nature of power. Axel's son, Alec, goes on to realize the family's long-held political ambitions. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch RC 45198
by Philip K. Dick
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Earth is too hot to be comfortable, and the colonies on other planets are not well developed, but drugs make it all bearable. Can-D is the preferred drug, although Chew-Z, produced by Palmer Eldritch, is a strong contender. Eldritch wants to control more than the drug market, as the people at the Can-D manufacturer find out the hard way. Some strong language. 1964.

Special Relationship RC 45206
by Robyn Sisman
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Annie Paxford's son Tom enters Oxford, where he discovers that his biological father is the current American presidential candidate, Jordan Hope. When Tom leaves school to confront Hope, Annie decides to follow and risk everything by facing her past lover. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

The New Life RC 45239
by Orhan Pamuk
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Osman, a Turkish student, is dramatically affected by reading a book. He takes to the road with a fellow student in search of her boyfriend, who has disappeared. The couple travel from town to town by bus pursuing the radiant, but elusive, new life promised in the book. 1997.

Asylum RC 45240
by Patrick McGrath
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
Asylum staff psychiatrist Max Raphael is immersed in his work, leaving his comely wife, Stella, to entertain herself with an inmate assigned to maintain the grounds around her house. A psychotic killer, the inpatient eventually escapes from the asylum, and Stella's fateful decision to follow him leads to tragic consequences for all. Descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Rainbow Trail: A Romance RC 45242
by Zane Grey
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Riders of the Purple Sage (RC 17362)*, a young clergyman, proven a failure by his congregation, is driven from his calling at the age of twenty-five. Becoming a wanderer, he sets off on a trail of adventure that leads him to the rescue of a lonely maiden. 1915.

A Certain Justice RC 45252
by P.D. James
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Commander Adam Dalgliesh and his

team investigate the murder of respected, though disliked, lawyer Venetia Aldridge. Among the likely suspects is one of her last successfully defended clients, Garry Ashe, a sociopath and murderer who is dating her daughter. Several other suspects turn up, but as a review of the court system reveals, justice is not always served. Bestseller 1997.

The Gossamer Cord RC 45271
by Philippa Carr
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Violetta Denver tells this tale of her twin sister Dorabella's marriage to Dermot Tregarland and its consequences. Dorabella has always been impulsive, so it was not unusual for her to marry Dermot after a whirlwind courtship. Violetta soon discovers that Dermot hides some secrets, including a previous marriage and the fact that his wife drowned. Then Dorabella disappears, and Dermot commits suicide. Prequel to *We'll Meet Again (RC 45272)*. 1992.

We'll Meet Again RC 45272
by Philippa Carr
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Twins Dorabella Tregarland and Violetta Denver live on neighboring estates in Cornwall. As Violetta awaits her fiancé's return from World War II, she and Dorabella, assisted by a British captain, turn their mansions into convalescent homes. Then they find themselves involved in kidnapping and treason. Sequel to *The Gossamer Cord (RC 45271)*. 1993.

Petals on the River RC 45287
by Kathleen E. Woodiwiss
read by Mary Woods
3 cassettes
In April 1747 Shemaine O'Hearn, falsely accused of thievery, arrives in Virginia aboard a convict ship. Though used to a comfortable life, she survives the hardships of her journey and is happy to become indentured to kindly Gage Thornton, a widowed shipbuilder with a two-year-old son. But Shemaine's troubles are far from over. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Season of the Monsoon RC 45292
by Paul Mann
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Detective George Sansi, a blue-eyed Indian, is assigned a difficult murder investigation. He develops a relationship with an American journalist, Annie Ginnaro, while tracking a series of murders that date back fifty years. Sansi's search reveals details of India's cultural past and present. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1992.

The Collected Stories RC 45295
by Paul Theroux
read by Jim Zeiger
5 cassettes
Over sixty short stories set in all corners of the globe. Many of the characters are strangers in a distant land and feel alienated from their surroundings. In "White Christmas" Christians celebrate the holiday in the humid tropics. In "Children" an American father in London is first proud of but later embarrassed by his British-raised sons. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Crying for a Vision RC 45301
by Walter Wangerin
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Moves Walking, a Lakota youth born of a woman and a celestial star, must sacrifice his life for his people. He battles the evil Fire Thunder while trying to show his tribe that all creatures are interconnected with Mother Earth and must be respected. Some violence. For high school and older readers. 1994.

Amanda RC 45302
by Kay Hooper
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
In the summer of 1995 Amanda Daulton returns to Glory, the southern mansion where she spent the first nine years of her life. She claims to be the same Amanda who, twenty years ago, fled in the night with her mother after a frightening experience that remains suppressed in her memory. But there are some who are not convinced of her claim. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1995.

Pest Control RC 45303
by Bill Fitzhugh
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Bob Dillon's dream is to perfect his natural pest-control method. When he quits his exterminator job and tries to make it on his own, Bob is mistaken for a hit man and inadvertently gains a worldwide reputation. Strong language and violence. 1996.

The Intruder RC 45304
by Peter Blauner
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
After his young daughter's death, New York subway motorman John Gates goes quietly insane. Soon homeless and addicted, John becomes fixated on social worker Dana Schiff and begins harassing her family. When Jacob, Dana's attorney husband, attempts to dissuade John, things go horribly wrong. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Fire Horse RC 45308
by Bill Shoemaker
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
Disgraced ex-jockey Coley Killebrew is enticed by his partner, Johnny Rousseau, to trail Rousseau's girlfriend around L.A. Coley stumbles on more than he bargained for as he follows a trail of murder, blackmail, and thoroughbred secrets. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Tumbleweed RC 45318
by Janwillem van de Wetering
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
When an upscale prostitute is found stabbed to death aboard her houseboat, Amsterdam detectives Grijpstra and de Gier head the inquiry. The victim's clients all have alibis, and she is described as a witch with foreign connections. The two sleuths doggedly pursue the trail of clues to a small island and an unlikely killer. Violence. 1976.

The Rail Kings: The Wells Fargo Trail, Book 3 RC 45319
by Jim Walker
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Traveling aboard a Chicago Pacific train, Wells Fargo agent Zac Cobb rescues the kidnapped family of a rival rail

company owner's daughter. The two lines are involved in a railroad war, and Zac gets caught in the middle. He also finds himself in personal danger when the owner's oldest daughter falls in love with him. Sequel to *The Nightriders (RC 40666)*. 1995.

Deryni Rising: The Chronicles of the Deryni, Volume 1 RC 45325
by Katherine Kurtz
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
There has been peace in the kingdom of Gwynedd for fifteen years, but now that Lady Charissa has had King Brion Haldane murdered, the fate of the empire rests on his son, Kelson. Young Kelson must prevent a rebellion against the Deryni. Prequel to *Deryni Checkmate (RC 45326)*. Some violence. 1970.

Polgara the Sorceress RC 45331
by David and Leigh Eddings
read by Roy Avers
5 cassettes
This companion to the Belgariad and Malloreon series is the culmination of the saga. Polgara, daughter of Belgarath the sorcerer, reminisces about her long life in an amazing world of magic. Bestseller 1997.

To Know Her by Name: Rocky Mountain Memories, Book 3 RC 45370
by Lori Wick
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Whispers of Moonlight (RC 44429)*, Travis Buchanan, on his way home to his wife, Rebecca, finds a letter in his mail requesting that he meet McKay Harrington at the Boulder Hotel. They meet and arrange to get together several days later to discuss some business. But soon after their first encounter, Harrington, a U.S. Treasury agent, is shot. 1997.

Love Invents Us RC 45372
by Amy Bloom
read by Mary Kane
1 cassette
Elizabeth's parents do not find her very attractive as a child, and she does not fit in with her peer group. But a wealthy furrier enjoys draping her in furs and indulging her with chocolates, and she attracts unsuitable men who find her appealing for their own reasons. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Magician's Assistant RC 45426
by Ann Patchett
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
When Parsifal the Magician dies, Sabine, his assistant, is alone after twenty-two years of loving him. A lawyer reveals a mother and sisters Parsifal had never mentioned, and Sabine decides to visit them. While learning about Parsifal's childhood, Sabine discovers that she has magic of her own. Bestseller 1997.

The Silent Cry RC 45460
by Kenzaburō Oē
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
In this allegorical tale by a Nobel Prize-winning author, two Japanese brothers retreat to their ancestral village. The elder, Mitsu, is prostrate after a friend's suicide and the institutionalization of his retarded baby. Takashi, the younger, wants to battle injustice. While learning about the family's past, they discover startling things about themselves. Some descriptions of sex. 1974.

Reason to Believe RC 45461
by Kathleen Eagle
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
Ben and Clara Pipestone were meant for each other. But they have been separated for two years because Ben betrayed the trust in their marriage. Now their daughter, Anna, thirteen, is in trouble, and her parents have joined to help her. In doing so, perhaps Ben will also reclaim his Lakota Indian heritage. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Barney's Version: With Footnotes and an Afterword by Michael Panofsky RC 45462
by Mordecai Richler
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Barney Panofsky, upset by comments about him in his friend Terry McIver's autobiography, writes an account of his own wasted life. Barney tells of his youth spent in Paris in the 1950s; his passions for wine, women—he had three wives—and hockey; and his company, Totally Unnecessary Productions. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Now You Know RC 45474
by Michael Frayn
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Terry runs an organization that exposes British government secrets to the public. While ferreting out information, he meets young civil servant Hilary, a keeper of secrets. Hilary assists Terry and later works for him when fired by the government. Soon it's clear that Terry has secrets of his own. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

The Jacaranda Tree RC 45484
by Rebecca Brandewyne
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Heiress Arabella Darracott is sent to live with her guardian in Australia after her father's death. Shipwrecked offshore, Arabella is rescued by wealthy ex-convict Lucien Sinclair. She spends weeks in the wilderness with him and succumbs to his passionate overtures. Upon reaching her destination she attempts to forget him. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

American Pastoral RC 45488
by Philip Roth
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
After military service in World War II, handsome, athletic "Swede" Levov weds Miss New Jersey, takes over the family business, and moves to the posh suburbs. His dream life unravels in the late 1960s, when daughter Meredith joins an antiwar terrorist group bent on undermining all that Swede lives for. Strong language. 1997.

Dark Homecoming RC 45489
by Eric Lustbader
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Ex-New York cop Lew Croaker retires to South Florida and after fifteen years of estrangement, encounters his sister Matty, who needs a kidney for her dying daughter, Rachel. Croaker agrees to kill a drug kingpin in exchange for a black-market kidney. He now must deal with his conscience and the Bonita twins. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Between Earth and Sky RC 45490
by Karen Osborn
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Starting in 1867, Abigail Conklin sends letters about the wagon journey west to her sister Maggie in Virginia. Conklin's family faces adventures and hardships as they settle in New Mexico. An artist, Conklin vividly describes the beauty of the landscape. Her correspondence, which continues until 1930, offers a bridge to her great-great-granddaughter Abigail, who visits New Mexico years later. 1996.

The Friends of Eddie Coyle RC 45494
by George V. Higgins
read by Chuck Benson
1 cassette
The story of Eddie Coyle's life of crime. Trying to avoid a prison term, he turns in his gun dealer, Jackie Brown—a young guy in his twenties. But Coyle is a marked man after several of Brown's other customers are arrested as well. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1971.

Carn RC 45528
by Patrick McCabe
read by Graeme Malcolm
1 cassette
Portrays life in the bleak Irish town of Carn during the mid-1960s. Laid low by the railroad's closing in the 1950s, the town gets a fresh lease on life with the opening of several new businesses. But the upswing also brings to Carn the sectarian troubles of Northern Ireland. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1989.

Come the Spring RC 45564
by Julie Garwood
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Garwood continues her story of the Clayborne family, begun in *For the Roses (RC 43563)*. U.S. Marshal Daniel Ryan tricks Cole into becoming a marshal, and together they track down a gang of bank robbers. In the process, both men fall in love with women who were in the bank. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Night Train RC 45675
by Martin Amis
read by Mary Woods
1 cassette
Female detective Mike Hoolihan investigates the suicide of the daughter of her boss and mentor, Colonel Tom Rockwell. Jennifer Rockwell had everything going for her: brains, beauty, a devoted family, and a perfect lover. Hoolihan can't fathom what went wrong. The more clues she finds, the deeper the mystery becomes. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Cuba Libre RC 45677
by Elmore Leonard
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
Cuba, 1898. Arriving in Havana three days after the USS *Maine* was blown up in the harbor, horse trader and ex-con Ben Tyler is caught up in the war and jailed for spying. Amelia Brown, the mistress of a rich American planter, devises a plan to rob her lover and rescue Ben. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

An Angel for Emily RC 45678
by Jude Deveraux
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Angry at being stood up by her fiancé, Emily Jane Todd is speeding down a curving road in North Carolina when she hits a man. Michael is unscathed by the accident because he is actually Emily's guardian angel, sent to protect her from some evil—if only he knew what. Emily tries her best to dump Michael, but he stays by her side to find the evil pursuing her. Bestseller 1998.

Sea Swept: Quinn Brothers Trilogy, Volume 1 RC 45679
by Nora Roberts
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
Ray and Stella Quinn take in three boys, Cameron, Phillip, and Ethan, from various troubled backgrounds and raise them as a family. Just before he dies, Ray takes in Seth, another young fledgling. Suddenly the older Quinns must make major lifestyle changes. Prequel to Rising Tides. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Where Serpents Lie RC 45680
by T. Jefferson Parker
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
While Terry Naughton, head of Orange County's Crimes against Youth, struggles to come to terms with the loss of his young son, Matt, he tracks down Horridus. The suspect takes young girls from their homes, dresses them like angels, and then returns them basically unharmed with a piece of snake skin placed within the folds of their garments. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

After the War RC 45683
by Carol Matas
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
The sole survivor of her Jewish family, fifteen-year-old Ruth is liberated from Buchenwald at the end of World War II. Finding that her Polish home has been taken over by others, Ruth joins a band of refugees intent on emigrating to Palestine. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Nightland RC 45698
by Louis Owens
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
In rural New Mexico, a man falls out of the sky with a suitcase containing a million dollars. A pair of part-Cherokee farmers find the money and commence a bizarre and perilous adventure involving ancestral spirits and vengeful drug smugglers. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Second Confession: A Nero Wolfe Mystery RC 45706
by Rex Stout
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Originally published in 1949. Nero Wolfe is engaged by James Sperling to investigate his daughter Gwenn's boyfriend, Louis Rony. Sperling is sure Rony is a communist. Naturally, Archie Goodwin does the legwork, which includes getting close to Gwenn. Then Rony turns up dead, and Archie becomes the prime suspect. 1995.

God Bless John Wayne RC 45711
by Kinky Friedman
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Kinky Friedman, country singer turned mystery writer, reluctantly agrees to help his buddy Ratso find his birth mother. The simple search becomes a case for the irreverent, wisecracking "Kinkstah" when Ratso's previous PI turns up dead. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Snow in August RC 45815
by Pete Hamill
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Brooklyn, 1947. Eleven-year-old Irish Catholic Michael Devlin and Rabbi Judah Hirsh, a refugee from Prague, become friends. Michael teaches the rabbi about America and baseball, and Judah teaches the boy Yiddish phrases. When religious prejudice sweeps the community, Michael faces a difficult choice between his neighbors and his principles. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

"N" Is for Noose RC 46116
by Sue Grafton
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Kinsey Millhone is hired to investigate the last few weeks in the life of a detective in tiny Nota Lake. Stress caused her husband's heart attack, according to Selma Newquist. Millhone discovers an uncooperative town and a connection to an old murder case in her hometown of Santa Teresa. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

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Cassettes Nonfiction

Oh, Grow Up! Poems to Help You Survive Parents, Chores, School, and Other Afflictions RC 43419
by Florence Parry Heide and Roxanne Heide Pierce
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Humorous poems from a child's point of view. Themes relate to childhood annoyances such as bullies, cafeteria food, and parental discipline. For grades 2-4. 1996.

Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of the Greek Myths RC 43420
by Bernard Evslin
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Introduction to characters, events, and places in Greek mythology. Evslin divides the text into "Gods" (Zeus, Hera, Athene, Poseidon, Hades, Demeter, and Apollo) and "Nature Myths" (Prometheus, Pandora, Phaethon, and Orpheus). He also includes two fables: "Midas" and "Pygmalion." For grades 6-9. 1966.

A Child's Garden of Verses RC 43675
by Robert Louis Stevenson
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
These poems, which evoke the world and feeling of childhood, were first published in England. They include "My Shadow," "The Swing," and "The Lamplighter." For grades K-3 and older readers. 1885.

Ross Perot: Billionaire Politician RC 43677
by Carmen Bredeson
read by Miriam Wagner
1 cassette
Life of Ross Perot, whose parents instilled in him the concept that he could do anything he wanted if he tried hard enough. As a result, Perot became an Eagle Scout at thirteen; president of his junior and senior classes at the United States Naval Academy; and the founder of a successful business, Electronic Data Systems—all before becoming a third-party presidential candidate in 1992. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Coral Reefs: Earth's Undersea Treasures RC 44008
by Laurence Pringle
read by Miriam Wagner
1 cassette
Explores the exotic and important life-giving world of the coral reef. The award-winning author shows how different life-forms, including humans, depend on these complex and fragile ecosystems. He describes the reef, its creation, and its many inhabitants, including the beautiful and the deadly. For grades 4-7. 1995.

The Tale of Custard the Dragon RC 44397
by Ogden Nash
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Bouncy poem about Belinda and her animal friends. Belinda lives in a little white house, with a little black kitten, a little gray mouse, a little yellow dog, and a "realio, trulio" little pet dragon. Everyone seems very brave, except for Custard the dragon—until a pirate enters Belinda's bedroom window. For preschool-grade 2. 1936.

Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental Railroad RC 44970
by Rhoda Blumberg
read by Lindsay Ellison
1 cassette
Describes the people and events surrounding the 1860s competition between the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific Railroad companies to lay track from opposite sides of the country to complete the first railroad to cross the United States. For grades 5-8. 1996.

The Kidnapped Prince: The Life of Olaudah Equiano RC 45234
by Olaudah Equiano
read by Peter Jay Fernandez
1 cassette
Modern adaptation of the autobiography of the young African prince who was kidnapped in 1755, enslaved, and taken to the West Indies. He describes his agonizing ordeal and his travels to America, Europe, and the Caribbean before earning his freedom in 1767. With an introduction by Henry Louis Gates Jr. For grades 5-8. 1995.

My Very First Mother Goose RC 45285
edited by Iona Opie
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
A collection of over sixty of the most popular nursery rhymes that bring joy and music to everyone's ears. Includes such favorites as "Jack and Jill" and "Humpty Dumpty," as well as some lesser-known rhymes. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

True Lies: 18 Tales for You to Judge RC 45366
by George Shannon
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Each of these eighteen tales from different countries sets up a situation that seems impossible. In "One Cookie," for example, the children may eat one cookie before supper, but at the table they are too full to eat. Did they lie about their snack? The author reveals the "whole truth" about each story before going on to the next. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Recreation Can Be Risky RC 45388
by Bill Gutman
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
Offers practical suggestions for playing safely and avoiding injury while participating in recreational sports. Covers team sports, street activities, swimming, and hiking; provides weather-hazard warnings and first aid advice. For grades 4-7. 1996.

What I Believe: Kids Talk about Faith RC 45465
by Debbie Holsclaw Birdseye and Tom Birdseye
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Rather than presenting an explanation of various religious beliefs and rituals from around the world, the Birdseyes have allowed six children, ages twelve and thirteen, to express what their religion means to them. The youths discuss Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, and Native American traditions. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1996.

Succeeding with LD: Twenty True Stories about Real People with LD RC 45493
by Jill Lauren
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Profiles of twenty individuals who prevailed over various learning differences (LD), such as dyslexia and attention-deficit disorder. Each narrative account describes a particular LD, the obstacles it presents, and efforts to overcome its limitations. For grades 5-8. 1997.

How Dinosaurs Came to Be RC 45521
by Patricia Lauber
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Traces the development of forms of animal life that preceded the dinosaurs, including reptiles, amphibians, and extinct creatures called therapsids and thecodonts. Describes these precursor animals offering insights into their anatomies, diets, means of travel, and natural enemies. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Backyard Birds of Summer RC 45525
by Carol Lerner
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Lerner focuses on summer visitors from the tropical regions of South and Central America, explaining how to identify the different birds and how to attract them to your backyard. The first section discusses birds attracted to yards by feeders and a supply of water. The second section talks about birds who use nesting boxes. Companion to *Backyard Birds of Winter (RC 40102)*. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 1996.

The Life and Times of the Apple RC 45527
by Charles Micucci
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Covers the life cycle of the apple from planting the seed through harvesting and eating. Discusses pollination by honeybees, the change from flower to fruit, the parts of an apple, and how apples are picked. Includes historical information and the story of Johnny Appleseed. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1992.

Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man RC 45534
by David A. Adler
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Life story of baseball's legendary "Iron Horse," who never missed a day of school as a boy nor a single game during his fourteen years as a New York Yankee. Depicts the courage, decency, and humility that marked his life, even during the illness that ended his baseball career in 1939. For grades 2-4. 1997.

The Pirate Queen RC 45535
by Emily Arnold McCully
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
Portrays the life of the legendary sixteenth-century Irish swashbuckler Grania O'Malley, who was known as the cunning and intrepid "sea queen." Her adventures included saving her father's life in battle, bearing a child at sea, and boldly opposing Ireland's English invaders. For grades 2-4. 1995.

In the Heart of the Village: The World of the Indian Banyan Tree RC 45538
by Barbara Bash
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Portrays the banyan tree as a home for wildlife and the social center of a village in India. Depicts a day in the life of a banyan as the village conducts its worship, trade, schooling, and recreation beneath the boughs of the massive tree. For grades 2-4. 1996.

Cassettes Fiction

Two's Company RC 40996
by Amanda Benjamin
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
Maddy lives with her mother in a little house, and everything is perfect. Then Maddy's mother meets a man named Simon, and even though Maddy likes Simon, she tells her mother not to marry him. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

Dancing on the Bridge of Avignon RC 42715
by Ida Vos
read by Barbara Rappaport
1 cassette
Before World War II began, Rosa de Jong, ten, dreamed only at night, but now she sits in her father's big chair and dreams during the daytime of the past when she could go to school, play her violin, and ride her bike. Rosa and other members of her family hope that one day they can escape from Holland and dance on the Bridge of Avignon in France. But they live in daily fear of the concentration camps. For grades 3-6. 1989.

Marigold and Grandma on the Town RC 42724
by Stephanie Calmenson
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Marigold spends the day in town with her grandmother. They buy Marigold a hat, learn to make friends with the wind, go out to lunch, and get their pictures taken. For grades K-3. 1994.

Earthshine RC 42727
by Theresa Nelson
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Slim, a twelve-year-old girl, narrates this emotional story of a quest for a miracle to overcome the AIDS virus. Slim is distraught from helplessly watching her dying father, and her friend Isaiah wants a cure for his mom. Together they develop the strength and understanding to help them deal with their common tragedy. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1994.

The Tent: A Parable in One Sitting RC 42729
by Gary Paulsen
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
Steven's father, Corey, who is out of work, suddenly comes up with a way for Steven and Corey to make money—Corey will become a preacher. Steven is surprised since they have never been to church, and he has never seen his father reading the Bible. But they get a tent and a Gideon Bible from a hotel and set out to preach the word of God. They start to make a lot of money, and then Steven begins to see the wrong in what they are doing. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Pink and Say RC 42870
by Patricia Polacco
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
Say Curtis, a fifteen-year-old soldier who once shook hands with Abraham Lincoln, is injured during the Civil War and is rescued by Pink Aylee, a slave. Their story is passed down to Rosa's father by the man who, he says, "Touched the hand that touched the hand that touched the hand that shook the hand

of Abraham Lincoln." For grades K-3. 1994.

Willy and May RC 42871
by Judith Byron Schachner
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A young girl tells this tale about her Aunt May and Willy, her aunt's bird. Twice a year the girl gets to visit, and the three of them have a wonderful time walking into town, or picking berries, or baking apple pies. But one year at holiday time, her mother is sick and the girl cannot go. Then a wonderful thing happens. For grades K-3. 1995.

Francie on the Run RC 43185
by Hilda van Stockum
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette (Reissue)
After seven months in a Dublin hospital recovering from an operation on his foot, Francie O'Sullivan wants to go home. Then one lovely June day, Francie just walks out. But getting home is not easy, and Francie has interesting adventures before seeing his family again. Sequel to *Cottage at Bantry Bay (RC 43184)*. For grades 4-7. 1939.

When Jane-Marie Told My Secret RC 43281
by Gina Willner-Pardo
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Jane-Marie is Carolyn's best friend until she tells Carolyn's secret. The secret is that Carolyn wants Katie Kempo, the most popular girl in the third grade, to like her. Now Carolyn can't be friends with Jane-Marie, and Katie will never like her. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Meeting the Make-Out King RC 43283
by Lynn Cullen
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Seventh-grader Nora has just dumped her best friend because they are both so short they look odd together. Now Nora pals around with popular Dawn and Sandy, but she is secretly horrified when they decide to fix her up with the new guy at school who is known for his kissing. For grades 4-6. 1994.

How to Be Cool in the Third Grade RC 43284
by Betsy Duffey
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
As Robbie prepares for his first day in the third grade, he vows to become cool. But his plans of buying jeans, being called Rob, and stopping his mother from kissing him at the bus stop won't do much good if bully Bo Haney continues to torment him. For grades 2-4. 1993.

Seven Spiders Spinning RC 43314
by Gregory Maguire
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Seven baby spiders from the Ice Age make their way to a rural, twentieth-century Vermont classroom. As they find themselves in deadly predicaments, the spiders plot revenge on the hated humans. Finally one bites the beloved Miss Earth, and the schoolchildren must band together to save her. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Kashtanka RC 43315
by Anton Chekhov
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A chestnut-colored dog named Kash-

tanka gets lost on a snowy evening while walking with her master. She is taken in by a kind circus clown and taught to do tricks. But she still longs for her home. The story, by a famous Russian author, is more than one hundred years old. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Broken Umbrellas RC 43409
by Kate Spohn
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Explains how intelligent people can end up homeless. The woman in this story once was a teacher at a university. But gradually her life changed, and now she picks up things from the street—especially broken umbrellas. For grades K-3. 1994.

Annie Flies the Birthday Bike RC 43416
by Crescent Dragonwagon
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Annie wants a bike so she can fly down hills in her neighborhood. But when she trades in her baby trike for a brand new, blue birthday bike, Annie realizes she has to learn to ride it before she can fly. For grades K-3. 1993.

Robin of Sherwood RC 43678
by Michael Morpurgo
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
After a storm, a young boy finds his beloved oak tree uprooted. When he discovers a silver arrowhead and human skeleton under the tree, he faints. He then dreams of Robin Hood, who lived in Sherwood Forest with the outcasts, fighting for justice and against the evil and greedy rule of King John. For grades 4-7. 1996.

The Member of the Wedding RC 44002
by Carson McCullers
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A bored, lonely twelve-year-old child finds an interest when she hears about her older brother's wedding and decides she will go, uninvited, on the honeymoon. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1946.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin RC 44003
by Robert Browning
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
Folktale in verse. The town of Hamelin employs a mysterious piper to save them from a plague of rats. When the townspeople refuse to pay him for his work, the piper takes magical revenge. For grades 3-6. 1842.

The Halloween Tree RC 44005
by Ray Bradbury
read by June Carter
1 cassette (Reissue)
On Halloween night, eight boys arrange to meet their friend, Pipkin, at the haunted house outside of town. Before the others reach him, though, Pipkin is grabbed by a dark Something. For grades 4-7. 1972.

The BFG RC 44101
by Roald Dahl
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
1 cassette
Sophie is taken from her orphanage by a big friendly giant ("BFG") who enjoys "dream blowing"—sending happy dreams to children with his magical trumpet. Together they devise a plan to save the world from nine people-eating "cannybull" giants. For grades 3-6. 1982.

The Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle: A British Fairy Tale RC 44261
by Margaret Read MacDonald
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
In this British version of a traditional tale, a fairy grants an old woman living in a vinegar bottle her wish for a better house. But when the old woman's wish is granted, she forgets to thank the fairy. For grades 2-4. 1995.

The Thirteenth Floor: A Ghost Story RC 44262
by Sid Fleischman
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Orphaned by their parents' deaths in a plane crash, Buddy, twelve, and Liz, twenty-three, are struggling to hold on to the home they grew up in when an unusual message sends Liz to a building looking for a nonexistent thirteenth floor. Suddenly Liz is transported back three hundred years, and Buddy soon follows. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Millie Cooper and Friends RC 44264
by Charlotte Herman
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Millie and Sandy look forward to the fourth grade in 1947. They just know this will be the best year ever, especially since they will have Miss O'Hara as their teacher. But several surprises await them the first week of school, and their friendship is tested. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Ceremony of the Panther RC 44266
by Luke Wallin
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
Sixteen-year-old John Raincrow, a Miccosukee Indian living in the Florida Everglades, is torn between the shiftless lifestyle of his best friend and his father's reverence for tribal tradition. He rediscovers his heritage and gains self-knowledge during a conflict over the capture of a panther, an endangered animal who must be sacrificed to save John's ailing grandmother. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1987.

Humphrey and Ralph RC 44398
by Katharine Andres
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
When Ralph's baby brother Humphrey is born, Ralph isn't jealous of him because Humphrey can't do anything except sleep. But soon Humphrey begins learning how to do all sorts of things, and Ralph must struggle to stay ahead of him. For preschool-grade 2. 1994.

Abby RC 45050
by Wolfram Hänel
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Moira lives on a tiny Irish island and her best friend is the family dog, Abby. They run on the beach, watch the gulls and the clouds from the meadow, and climb up the cliffs. Then one day Moira comes home from school to learn that Abby has eaten poisoned meat and may die. For grades 2-4. 1996.

Mop Top RC 45051
by Don Freeman
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Marty never wants to have his hair cut. Now it is so long and floppy he looks like a red mop, and people call him Moppy. But the day before his sixth birthday party, his mother insists that he go to the barber. For grades K-3. 1955.

Outcast of Redwall RC 45135
by Brian Jacques
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
The orphan badger, Sunflash the Mace, undergoes many ordeals before claiming his heritage as badger lord of Salamandastron. The faithful Skarlath, the kestrel, is his ally against the ferret warlord, Swartt Sixclaw. The outcast Veil, Swartt's son, does evil despite his loving upbringing at Redwall Abbey. Companion to *Redwall (RC 29729)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Faith and the Electric Dogs RC 45202
by Patrick Jennings
read by Peter Gil
1 cassette
Edison, one of a pack of street-smart Mexican dogs, tells how he met his American friend Faith (who is seventy years old in dog years). Faith is not happy in Mexico, but after Edison defends her from some schoolyard bullies, she builds a spaceship and takes him along on her travels. The voyage has unexpected results for both of them. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Deep Trouble II RC 45210
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Billy and Sheena Deep are spending the summer aboard their uncle's floating research lab in the Caribbean. Last year they spent a lot of time swimming and snorkeling, and this year they plan to do the same thing. But something is different. The fish have grown into monster-sized creatures. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Haunted School RC 45211
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
At twelve, Tommy Frazer suddenly finds himself with a new mom, a new house, and a new school. In hopes of making friends, he volunteers to be on the decoration committee for the school dance. Everything is going just fine until Tommy has to make a trip to the art room on the third floor where he begins hearing voices. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth? RC 45213
by Louis Sachar
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
When Marvin Redpost learns that a king is looking for his missing son who was kidnapped at birth, Marvin begins to wonder if he is Prince Robert. He too is nine years old and has red hair and blue eyes. His mother agrees to help him find out the truth. For grades 2-4. 1992.

Don't Go to Sleep! RC 45225
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old Matthew Amsterdam, a geek according to his older brother and sister, has the tiniest bedroom in the house, so there is hardly room for him, let alone his books. There is a bigger bedroom, but it is supposed to be the guest room. One night Matt decides to sleep there anyway, and when he wakes up, he is older than his brother and sister. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Blob That Ate Everyone RC 45226
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Zackie Beauchamp loves to write scary stories, so when he finds an old typewriter in an antique shop, he thinks it will be perfect for his hobby. But Zackie is not prepared for what happens when he takes the typewriter home. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Papa Tells Chita a Story RC 45245
by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Chita's Christmas Tree (RC 32775)*, Chita's father tells her one of her favorite stories—his adventure in the Spanish-American War when he had to face snakes and alligators to deliver an important message. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Oldest Elf RC 45274
by James Stevenson
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Elwyn, Santa's oldest elf, makes toys the old-fashioned way—no batteries or video games for him. Meanwhile Blitzen, the oldest reindeer, has been replaced by a younger doe and left in the shed. On Christmas Eve, Elwyn drags his bag of toys to the stable to discover that Santa has left without him. Blitzen happily assists Elwyn on his toy-delivery mission. Then they run into Santa. For preschool to grade 2. 1996.

I Was Born about Ten Thousand Years Ago: A Tall Tale RC 45277
retold by Steven Kellogg
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
The storyteller, born about one hundred centuries ago, relates the events he has seen over the years. He saw Adam and Eve driven from the Garden of Eden, he saw Christopher Columbus reach America, he helped Johnny Appleseed plant each seed, and he played hopscotch with some spacemen on the moon. For grades K-3. 1996.

The Dark at the Top of the Stairs RC 45278
by Sam McBratney
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
An old mouse cares for three young mice in a cellar. One day, instead of going on their usual outside adventures, the little mice ask their guardian to take them to the dark spot at the top of the stairs to see if a monster really lives there. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

Black Horses for the King RC 45290
by Anne McCaffrey
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
When Lord Artos (the future King Arthur) wants to buy sturdy horses to carry his companions to battle, the lad Galwyn's gift for languages and handling horses earns him favor with Artos. Galwyn further secures a place in Camelot by introducing iron horseshoes. For grades 6-9. 1996.

The Curse of Camp Cold Lake
RC 45346
by R.L. Stine
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
Sarah Maas and her brother Aaron are spending the summer at a water sports camp. There is a problem—Sarah hates the outdoors, and especially a lake with horrible things swimming around in the water. But that proves to be just part of Sarah's difficulties at Camp Cold Lake. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Marvin Redpost: Alone in His Teacher's House RC 45347
by Louis Sachar
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Mrs. North, Marvin's third grade teacher, is going to be away for a week. She has asked Marvin to take care of her elderly dog. It means Marvin has a key to his teacher's house—and his classmates are jealous. But Marvin soon discovers taking care of a dog is a big responsibility. For grades 2-4. 1994.

Marvin Redpost: Is He a Girl?
RC 45348
by Louis Sachar
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
When Casey Happleton tells Marvin that if he kisses his elbow he'll turn into a girl, Marvin's curiosity gets the best of him. It's very difficult to do, but Marvin finally kisses his elbow and is shocked to find himself thinking, acting, and maybe even looking like a girl. For grades 2-4. 1993.

Jig, Fig, and Mrs. Pig RC 45352
by Peter Hansard
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Little Jig is a poor servant pig who works for bad-tempered Mrs. Pig and her spoiled son, Fig. One day while fetching heavy pails of milk, Jig (knowing she will be punished) gives a drink to an old pig she meets on the road. But the stranger is a wizard and has a reward for Jig that will make up for her miserable employers. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

Send Me Down a Miracle RC 45353
by Han Nolan
read by Nanette Savard
1 cassette
Fourteen-year-old Charity Pittman, of rural Casper, Alabama, befriends a visiting New York artist, who withdraws to her room for a month-long experiment in sensory deprivation. When the artist emerges and reports that she has had visions of Jesus, she angers Charity's preacher-father and sends the town into rancorous turmoil. For grades 6-9. 1996.

The Maze RC 45354
by Peni R. Griffin
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
Just as eight-year-old Caroline is getting to know her new stepbrother, a strange painting is delivered to their house. The children enter the fantasy world in the picture, which shows a mountainous maze with bizarre, mythical creatures. After an exciting odyssey, the two return home as friends. For grades 4-6. 1994.

I Live in Your Basement: Goosebumps RC 45357
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old Marco's mother is constantly warning him to be careful. She is afraid he will hurt himself, so she doesn't even want him involved in sports. But Marco plays softball and he gets hit in the head. Now everything is fuzzy and Marco doesn't understand why someone called Keith thinks he lives in Marco's basement. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Olympic Dream RC 45362
by Matt Christopher
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Fourteen-year-old Doug loves to eat, and his body shows it. Then he meets Red, a medical student who is serious about cycling. Through Red, Doug develops an interest in bicycle touring and racing that changes his attitude about many things. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Penalty Shot RC 45363
by Matt Christopher
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Being on the ice hockey team is really important to Jeff, especially since his low grades made him ineligible last year. Now he has a tutor for English and is determined to play. Then someone switches his composition, and his best friend, Kevin, receives a nasty note signed by Jeff. Jeff has to figure out who is sabotaging him. For grades 4-7. 1997.

My Real Family RC 45365
by Emily Arnold McCully
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
The Bear family's Farm Theater has just finished its latest play. Sarah, who is very proud of the work she did on the costumes and props, is now looking forward to her turn to pick a favorite family activity, dinner, and bedtime story. But her family is more interested in letting Blanche, a visiting friend, decide what they will do. For grades K-3. 1994.

Cousins in the Castle RC 45415
by Barbara Brooks Wallace
read by Vanessa Maroney
1 cassette
Eleven-year-old Amelia Fairwick, an orphan in Victorian London, is being escorted to America by her Cousin Charlotte to live with Cousin Basil. When they arrive in America, stern Charlotte leaves Amelia alone on the docks for a few minutes while she checks on their baggage. Soon thereafter Amelia finds herself locked in a shabby room, alone and unaware of her fate. For grades 4-7. 1996.

The New Nick Kramer: or, My Life as a Baby-sitter RC 45418
by James Howe
read by John Polk
1 cassette
Ninth-grader Nick Kramer is determined to finally beat his lifelong rival, Mitch Buckley. He bets Mitch that the new girl, Jennifer Edwards, will ask him to the Vice-Versa dance instead of Mitch. Nick tries everything to impress Jennifer, including taking a baby-sitting class. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Doom Stone RC 45420
by Paul Zindel
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
For spring break, fifteen-year-old Jackson has come to Stonehenge to visit his Aunt Sarah, an anthropologist. Dr. Sarah Cawley has been hired by the British Army to investigate a soldier's death and several animal mutilations in the area. Jackson and Dr. Cawley meet the hominid responsible for these deaths sooner and more directly than expected. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Uncle Smoke Stories: Nehawka Tales of Coyote the Trickster RC 45458
by Roger Welsch
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Uncle Smoke, the great storyteller of the imaginary Nehawka Indian tribe, tells a tale about the powerful spirit Coyote on each of the four nights during harvest moon. In the first tale, the foolish Coyote follows a buffalo for three years, waiting for it to grow larger, but goes hungry when his meal eventually gets away. For grades 3-6. 1994.

The Bear Who Didn't Like Honey RC 45464
by Barbara Maitland
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Little Bear is scared of lots of things—the night, the water, and even the bees that make honey. His brothers and sisters call him Scaredy Bear. One day while Little Bear is walking in the woods, he sees an even smaller baby bear, who is stuck up in a tree. Can Little Bear find the courage to help? For grades K-3. 1996.

The Iguana Brothers: A Tale of Two Lizards RC 45469
by Tony Johnston
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Tom and Don, two iguana brothers in Mexico, spend the day eating flowers instead of bugs, pretending to be dinosaurs, and looking for a new friend. Finally they realize that they can be both brothers and friends. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Doom of the Haunted Opera RC 45470
by John Bellairs and Brad Strickland
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
When Lewis and Rose Rita find an unpublished opera and ignore a ghost's warning, they wind up in a terrible predicament. The music has a supernatural power that will be unleashed if the work is performed. Lewis and Rose Rita must stop the show or risk dire consequences. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Angela and Diabola RC 45483
by Lynne Reid Banks
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
As their names imply, Angela is a lovely, purely good girl while Diabola is her nasty, hateful twin. As she grows up, Diabola becomes such a menace that even her father runs away. Angela is the only one who can deal with Diabola and finally finds a solution to the family's problem. Some violence. For grades 3-6. 1997.

The Drum, the Doll, and the Zombie
RC 45498
by John Bellairs and Brad Strickland
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
St. Ives, an island in the Caribbean, has its own voodoo cult, being studied by Dr. Coote. He is given an unusual drum along with warnings about the Sect of the Baron, the Priests of the Midnight Blood, and the walking dead. When Dr. Coote is hospitalized, Johnny and Professor Childermass face the dangers of voodoo to save their friend. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Pegeen RC 45499
by Hilda van Stockum
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
When Pegeen Murphy's grandmother dies, the neighbors want to send Pegeen to live with relatives in America. But she wants to stay in Dublin with Francie O'Sullivan, the young boy who once rescued her. Father Kelly arranges for Pegeen to live with the O'Sullivans, but it seems she still gets in trouble. Sequel to *Francie on the Run (RC 43185)*. For grades 4-7. 1941.

The Secret of the Underground Room
RC 45518
by John Bellairs
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette
Father Higgins has moved to a new parish that is haunted by a ghost. When Father Higgins disappears, his good friends Professor Childermass and thirteen-year-old Johnny Dixon follow his trail to England. They find evil knights from ancient times are still exerting their influence, and they must be stopped. For grades 5-8. 1990.

Home on the Bayou: A Cowboy's Story
RC 45520
by G. Brian Karas
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
Ned is upset when his mother moves them out of cowboy country to live with Ned's grandfather on the bayou. Because Ned's mother ruined his lasso, he must take the garden hose to his new school to demonstrate his cowboy roping skills. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

The Tree That Would Not Die
RC 45526
by Ellen Levine
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Imagines what the now ancient and ailing "treaty tree" of Austin, Texas, might have seen and heard during the four hundred years before someone tried to poison it in 1989. For grades K-3. 1995.

Lassie: A Christmas Story RC 45539
by Earl Hamner and Don Sipes
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette
On Christmas Eve, Timmy and his dog Lassie are arranging the nativity scene while Timmy's mother is out feeding the deer. When she does not return, Lassie goes to search for her. Lassie faces many dangers before she finds Timmy's mother and reunites the family for Christmas. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Inside-Out Grandma RC 45540
by Joan Rothenberg
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
When Rosie asks her grandmother why she is wearing her clothes inside out, Grandma says it is to remind herself to buy enough oil to fry potato latkes for Hanukkah. The answer confuses Rosie,

but it gives Grandma a chance to tell a story involving Rosie's father, Hanukkah gelt, a dreidel, and a menorah. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Hating Book RC 45541
by Charlotte Zolotow
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
A young girl declares that she hates her friend who hurt her feelings. The girl's mother encourages her to ask the friend why she is being so mean. When the two finally talk, they realize it was all a misunderstanding. For grades K-3. 1969.

Meet Josefina: An American Girl RC 45561
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
In 1824 nine-year-old Josefina lives with her father and three sisters on a rancho near Santa Fe, New Mexico. The girls try hard to take care of things the way Mamá did before she died the previous year. When their grandfather comes for a visit, they are surprised by the guest he brings—Tía Dolores, their mother's sister. Prequel to *Josefina Learns a Lesson (RC 45562)*. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Josefina Learns a Lesson: A School Story RC 45562
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Tía Dolores has returned to help Josefina and her sisters learn how to do many of the things their mother would have taught them. But one of Josefina's sisters is afraid that learning new things, like reading and writing, will make them forget Mamá. Sequel to *Meet Josefina (RC 45561)*. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Josefina's Surprise: A Christmas Story RC 45563
by Valerie Tripp
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Christmas is near and Josefina, her sisters, and their aunt are getting ready. It has been a year since the girls lost their mother, and they hope this Christmas will be a little happier. But when they take out the altar cloth their mother made, they find it has been ruined by the flood earlier in the year. Sequel to *Josefina Learns a Lesson (RC 45562)*. For grades 2-4. 1997.

The Tulip Touch RC 45631
by Anne Fine
read by Corrie James
1 cassette
Natalie lives at the Palace hotel where her father is the manager. She forms an exclusive friendship with Tulip, a young girl she meets in a field. But Tulip's increasingly dangerous games cause Natalie to have doubts about the relationship. When Natalie does break free, she faces drastic consequences. For grades 6-9. 1997.

The Shorty Society RC 45645
by Sheri Cooper Sinykin
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
When Drew enters school Monday morning and opens his locker, he finds a pile of dead shrimp. His friends, K.C. and Bo, also have foul-smelling lockers. The three short seventh-graders have become the butt of several distasteful pranks by Drew's one-time pal Danny and his friend Scud. Plans to get revenge, however, put the three at risk of also becoming malicious. For grades 5-7. 1994.

Beginnings: How Families Come to Be
RC 45686
by Virginia Kroll
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Six children ask their parents to tell them how they became families. Only one, Ruben, was born to his present parents; the other five are adoption stories that include an uncle who adopts his nephew when his sister dies, and a Korean baby who is brought to America and later joined by a baby brother from South America. For grades K-3. 1994.

Marvelous Marvin and the Pioneer Ghost
RC 45704
by Bonnie Pryor
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Marvin Fremont of *Marvelous Marvin and the Wolfman Mystery (RC 44811)* has two more mysteries to try to solve with the help of his twin sister Sarah, big Ernie Farrow, and new neighbor Kyla. They hope to figure out who is dumping red slime into the creek and to get proof that a spooky figure Marvin saw is the ghost of Liberty Corners. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp
RC 45821
by Syd Hoff
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
When Danny takes his huge friend, the dinosaur, to summer camp, everyone has a great time. For preschool-grade 2. 1996.

Danny and the Dinosaur RC 45823
by Syd Hoff
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
When Danny goes to visit the museum he sees Indians, and bears, and guns, and swords, and then he sees dinosaurs—his favorite thing. Danny thinks it would be nice to play with a dinosaur, but the ones he sees are not real. Then he hears a voice that says, "I think it would be nice to play with you." For preschool-grade 2. 1958.

Arthur's Funny Money RC 45824
by Lillian Hoban
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Arthur wants to buy a Frisbee-team T-shirt and matching cap. Violet says he could wash bikes to earn the money. But counting the money spent on supplies and counting the money earned call for more numbers than Arthur knows. The saleslady helps to make a happy ending. For grades K-3. 1981.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

El Plan Infinito RC 43973
por Isabel Allende
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
Gregory Reeves es el hijo de un ministro de carpa que predica sobre el Plan Infinito. Al enfermar el padre de Gregory, la familia se traslada al barrio latino de Los Angeles. Desde allí, Gregory busca su propia identidad, se ve involucrado en las revueltas sociales de los años sesenta, lucha en Vietnam, se casa, y fracasa como padre, hasta que finalmente llega a tener una visión real. Lenguaje injurioso y descripciones de violencia. (Gregory Reeves is the son of a tent minister who preaches about the Infinite Plan. When Gregory's father becomes ill, the family settles down in the Latino barrio of Los Angeles. From there Gregory searches for his own identity, gets involved in the 1960s' social upheaval, fights in Vietnam, marries, and fails as a father before finally gaining real insight. Strong language and some violence.) 1991.

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In Brief

Magazine of the Month Selections for 1999

Two programs offer readers samplings of magazines not otherwise available through the NLS program. Subscribers to Magazine of the Month and Young Adult Magazine of the Month receive a different audio magazine each month. For a free subscription to either program contact your local cooperating library.

Although the selections are subject to change, readers may receive some of the following magazines this year.

Magazine of the Month (flexible disc)

- **Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine** (short new works, essays, and book and movie reviews)
- **American Astrology: First and Best for over Sixty Years** (advice, predictions, and zodiac guides)
- **American Enterprise** (politics, business, and culture from various viewpoints)
- **Black Enterprise** (career and business opportunities for African Americans)
- **DoubleTake** (fiction, essays, documentary journalism, poetry, and armchair travel)
- **Gourmet: The Magazine of Good Living** (how to find good food and articles on food and culture)
- **The Herb Companion** (herb gardening, history, folklore, and sources)
- **The Humanist** (articles of critical inquiry and social concern)
- **In-Fisherman: The Journal of Freshwater Fishing** (science and biology of fish, tactics of fishing, equipment, accessories, and travel)

- **Men's Fitness** (exercise, sports and adventure, performance nutrition, and healthy living)
- **New Woman** (concerns of contemporary career women, relationships, and self-help advice)
- **Yoga Journal: For Health and Conscious Living** (yoga practices, well-being, philosophy, and stress-reduction)

Young Adult Magazine of the Month (cassette)

- **Alateen Talk** (personal sharings from members of group for teenage friends and relatives of alcoholics)
- **Career Opportunities News** (occupational trends and employment and educational opportunities)
- **Cicada** (reprints and original stories)
- **Crank! Science Fiction Fantasy** (short to lengthy science fiction features)
- **ESPN: The Magazine** (interviews and commentary on college and professional sports)
- **Glamour** (beauty, fitness, fashion, health, and contemporary issues)
- **Health** (healthy looks, healthy cooking, medical news, fitness, and self-care)
- **Icarus: New Writing from around the World** (original writing from an international perspective)
- **Light Quarterly** (light verse and satire)
- **Outside** (travel, environmental issues, outdoor equipment and clothing, expeditions, and recreational activities)
- **Spin** (articles on popular music, politics, society, and the arts)

Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

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Cassettes Nonfiction

So That Others May Live: Caroline Hebard and Her Search-and-Rescue Dogs RC 40971
by Hank Whittemore and Caroline Hebard
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
A pioneer in the field of canine search-and-rescue work recounts twenty-five years spent in training herself and her dogs to locate people at disaster sites. Offers graphic accounts of efforts following the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, and other catastrophes. 1995.

A Boy's War RC 43286
by Paxton Davis
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Being a Boy (RC 28979)*, Paxton Davis tells of his own coming-of-age through the rigors of military service in World War II. Davis recounts the indignities of army induction, his training as a medic, and his combat experience in Burma. Strong language. 1990.

I Was That Masked Man RC 43897
by Clayton Moore
read by Larry Shapiro
2 cassettes
The life story of Clayton Moore, who portrayed the Lone Ranger on film from 1949 to 1957. Moore chronicles his days of yesteryear as a trapeze artist, a soldier, an actor, and an American hero. He says he tried to live up to the ideals of honesty, justice, and patriotism that were championed by the famed "masked man." 1996.

Reporting World War II: American Journalism, 1944–1946 RC 44200
by Library of America
read by Mitzi Friedlander
6 cassettes
An anthology of news dispatches, articles, letters, and broadcast transcripts from the beachheads and front lines of World War II. Covers the war's final eighteen months, recounting the Normandy invasion, the liberation of Paris, Pacific island battles, and the bombing of Japan. Violence. 1995.

Broken Country: Mountains and Memory RC 44259
by C.L. Rawlins
read by Michael Kramer
3 cassettes
In the summer of 1973, a young man

spurned the military draft and set out to herd sheep in the harsh and remote Salt River Range of Wyoming. Twenty-three years later he recounts the events of that summer, when his life was forever changed. Strong language. 1996.

George Burns and the Hundred-Year Dash RC 44300

by Martin Gottfried
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes

Life of the beloved star of stage and screen who died in 1996 at the age of 100. Discusses his show-business beginnings in vaudeville, where he later achieved considerable fame teamed with his wife, Gracie Allen, as "Burns and Allen." Also examines Burns's career resurgence in 1975 with his Oscar-winning performance in "The Sunshine Boys." Some strong language. 1996.

Love, Miracles, and Animal Healing: A Veterinarian's Journey from Physical Medicine to Spiritual Understanding RC 44401

by Allen M. Schoen and Pam Proctor
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes

Schoen attests to the power of the emotional and spiritual bond between humans and their pets. He discusses how alternative forms of treatment, such as acupuncture, herbal remedies, and homeopathic medicine, can significantly enhance traditional veterinary practices. 1995.

Kill the Body, the Head Will Fall: A Closer Look at Women, Violence, and Aggression RC 44408

by Rene Denfeld
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes

A female writer recounts her experiences as an amateur boxer and offers her views on the subject of women and aggression. Denfeld critiques the conventional belief that women are weaker and less aggressive than men, arguing that this "myth" helps to perpetuate sexual inequality. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Dixie Rising: How the South Is Shaping American Values, Politics, and Culture RC 44473

by Peter Applebome
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes

Applebome, a northerner who has been reporting from the South since 1976—with no desire to return north—interviewed blacks and whites regarding their feelings on politics and society thirty years after the civil rights movement. He concludes that not only is the South becoming Americanized, but the North is becoming southernized. 1996.

Louis the Beloved: The Life of Louis XV RC 44474

by Olivier Bernier
read by Laura Giannarelli
3 cassettes

In 1715 at age five, Louis XV ascended the throne of France and reigned for fifty-nine years. Bernier believes history has been unkind to Louis XV by showing him to be the object of scorn and hatred. But after studying all of the king's state papers (which remain intact), Bernier sees Louis XV as a man beloved by his subjects. 1984.

Three Gospels RC 44475

by Reynolds Price
read by David Impastato
2 cassettes

Price presents his translations of the Gospels of Mark and John with ex-

planatory prefaces for each. He also offers his own "honest account" of Jesus' life based on the four Gospels, historical and theological evidence, and scholarly research. 1996.

Icebreaker: The Autobiography of Rudy Galindo RC 44486
by Rudy Galindo
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
After winning championships with his partner of six years, Kristi Yamaguchi, figure skater Rudy Galindo was devastated when she split with him in 1990. The openly gay Mexican-American describes the troubled years until his singles win in the 1996 U.S. Championships. 1997.

Fodor's 96 Scandinavia RC 44508
by Fodor Staff
read by Catherine Byers
7 cassettes
Tips on dining, shopping, sightseeing, accommodations, and recreational activities in Scandinavia. Specific chapters highlight Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Finland (including Lapland), Iceland (including the Western Fjords), Norway (including Central Fjord Country), and Sweden. 1996.

Frommer's 96 Mexico RC 44513
by Marita Adair
read by Lewis Grenville
9 cassettes
Tips on dining, shopping, accommodations, and recreational activities in the most popular places in Mexico: Mexico City, Baja California, Copper Canyon, Guadalajara, Acapulco, Veracruz, Puerto Vallarta, Tarascan country, Oaxaca, Chiapas, Tabasco, Cancún, Isla Mujeres, Cozumel, Mérida, and the Mayan cities. 1996.

Plutarch: The Lives of the Noble Grecians and Romans, Vol. 2 RC 44514
edited by Arthur Hugh Clough
read by Gordon Gould
7 cassettes
Biographical accounts of noble Greeks and Romans from mythological times through the early second century A.D. This 1864 revision of Dryden's classic seventeenth-century translation compares the character, moral conduct, and fates of such noted figures as Demosthenes and Cicero, providing rich descriptions of social life in the Mediterranean world. 1992.

Making the Most of Your Money: Completely Revised and Updated for the Twenty-first Century RC 44576
by Jane Bryant Quinn
read by Kerry Cundiff
10 cassettes
An eight-step guide to planning your financial life. Covers basic money management, investments suitable to your age and circumstances, and acting as your own advisor. Discusses insurance needs, home ownership, and preparing for college and retirement. Includes appendixes of charts, tables, and additional information. 1997.

Municipal Bondage RC 44582
by Henry Alford
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
A humor writer's "comic investigations" of urban life that involve a series of bizarre capers, such as chauffeuring a state governor during a political convention, hiring nude housecleaners to see whether they do windows, and attempting to pass a dog-grooming test

using an uncooperative canine. Strong language. 1993.

Pass the Butterworms: Remote Journeys Oddly Rendered RC 44584
by Tim Cahill
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
A collection of humorous anecdotes about travel forays in remote lands. Recounts adventures with swarms of bees in the Congo, kayaks off Vancouver Island, polar bears at the North Pole, and cannibals in New Guinea. Strong language. 1997.

Happy Days: My Mother, My Father, My Sister, and Me RC 44645
by Shana Alexander
read by Barbara Rappaport
3 cassettes
Autobiography of journalist and biographer. Alexander was born to Milton and Cecilia Ager, famed Tin Pan Alley composer and *Variety* critic, respectively. Despite the celebrity lifestyle, Alexander and sister, Laurel, endured a profoundly unhappy childhood and an especially chilly life with their parents. Alexander explores the nature of their relationship. 1995.

One River: Explorations and Discoveries in the Amazon Rain Forest RC 44722
by Wade Davis
read by Ted Stoddard
5 cassettes
Ethnobotanist Richard Schultes took a leave of absence from Harvard from 1941 to 1953 to collect specimens of psychoactive and medicinal plants in the Amazon rain forest. His student Tim Plowman embarked on a similar journey with the author during 1974 and 1975. Davis recalls the discoveries, travels, and adventures of both. 1996.

The Fifty-Year Dash: The Feelings, Foibles, and Fears of Being Half-a-Century Old RC 44745
by Bob Greene
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
A journalist's humorous and nostalgic ruminations on his life at the half-century mark. He reflects wistfully on the youthful joys of junk food and junk music, the thrill of anticipation of his first kiss, and the lost innocence of the America he knew as a child. 1997.

Upholding Mystery: An Anthology of Contemporary Christian Poetry RC 44753
edited by David Impastato
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
Extensive collection of poetry featuring the work of fifteen poets, such as Annie Dillard and Daniel Berrigan. Poems are divided into the following sections: The Cross, Transformation, Death, Injustice, Presence, God's Body, Fools, Wayfarers, Love, The Dark, Grace, Praise, The Mystical Body, Sacrament, The Leap, and Holy. 1997.

African-American Voices RC 44756
edited by Michele Stepto
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
Excerpts from the works of Langston Hughes, Frederick Douglass, Gwendolyn Brooks, and others selected to illustrate the heritage and tradition of African American literature. For high school and older readers. 1995.

Euthanasia RC 44771
by Sunni Bloyd
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
Explores facts, issues, and points of

view on mercy killing. Weighs legal and medical considerations, recounting actual cases involving the question of euthanasia. Discusses the effects of changing attitudes and medical technologies on the right-to-die controversy. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong
RC 44779
by William Kilpatrick
read by Miriam Wagner
3 cassettes
A jeremiad on the passing of effective moral instruction in schools. Laments the prevailing sense of "moral ambiguity" in society and debunks relativistic approaches to teaching morality. Calls for a return to traditional models in history and literature for instilling good values. 1992.

Golf's Greatest Championship: The 1960 U.S. Open RC 44799
by Julian I. Graubart
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
A recapitulation of the 1960 U.S. Open golf tournament held in Denver, Colorado. The book celebrates the competitive spirit of the players, culminating with the recounting of Arnold Palmer's come-from-behind victory. 1997.

France under the Germans: Collaboration and Compromise
RC 44807
by Philippe Burrin
read by Bill Wallace
4 cassettes
A historical account of how the French people adjusted to the German occupation of their country from 1940–1944. Examines three levels of French society: government, citizenry, and intelligentsia. Concludes that most French people did not actively resist the occupation. 1996.

Wallace Stegner: His Life and Work
RC 44889
by Jackson J. Benson
read by Ted Stoddard
4 cassettes
The author argues that the twentieth-century writer, historian, and environmentalist Wallace Stegner deserved greater recognition than he received during his lifetime. Describes Stegner as a man of principle as well as a social critic who helped shape the American literary movement. 1996.

The Meaning of the Glorious Koran
RC 44913
translated by Marmaduke Pickthall
read by Robert Blumenfeld
4 cassettes
Translated by Marmaduke Pickthall with explanatory notes, this earliest work of classical Arabic is the sacred scripture of Islam as revealed to the Prophet Mohammed by the Angel Gabriel. 1992.

The Lives of the Great Composers
RC 44925
by Harold C. Schonberg
read by Robert Blumenfeld
6 cassettes
The author traces the lives of more than fifty major composers in chronological order, showing how each has contributed to the evolution of music from Bach to the twentieth century. Emphasizes biographical aspects of each musician rather than musical criticism. 1997.

Desert Places RC 45037
by Robyn Davidson
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
An Australian woman recounts her

travel experiences with a nomadic population in the desert of western India. She endures hardship and discomfort to record a disappearing way of life. Despite being a foreigner, a woman, and ignorant of the local language, she forges enduring friendships. 1996.

Manhood in America: A Cultural History RC 45038
by Michael Kimmel
read by Steven Carpenter
4 cassettes
Explores male role models from suave sophisticate to rugged individualist and their changing ideals in America. Discusses historical and contemporary standards of masculinity, perceived threats to male esteem, and men's reactions. Asserts that the battle to prove manhood is ultimately futile. 1996.

Little Sister: Searching for the Shadow World of Chinese Women RC 45048
by Julie Checkoway
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes
An American woman's memoir of her year in an industrial city in China, where she studied the lives of women. She depicts their arduous lot by recounting several life stories, relating them to her own struggles and losses. 1996.

The Man behind the Book: Literary Profiles RC 45057
by Louis Auchincloss
read by Jeremy Gage
2 cassettes
A consideration of twenty-three authors who have meant a great deal to Auchincloss as a reader and as a novelist. He writes about Henry James, Amy Lowell, and Maxwell Anderson, among others, and examines reasons why some of these authors have lost the popularity they enjoyed in their lifetimes. 1996.

Dancing with Mister D: Notes on Life and Death RC 45090
by Bert Keizer
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
A Dutch physician recounts his experiences with terminally ill patients, some of which involve assisted suicide. While death is the central theme, the author also offers philosophical insights into the profession of medicine with its flaws, limitations, and paradoxes. Strong language. 1994.

How to Be a Perfect Stranger: A Guide to Etiquette in Other People's Religious Ceremonies, Volume 2 RC 45104
edited by Stuart M. Matlins and Arthur J. Magida
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
This sequel to *How to Be a Perfect Stranger (RC 45103)* focuses on smaller denominations within the United States, such as Native American, Amish, Mennonite, and Pentecostal Church of God, answering basic questions about their beliefs and describing what to expect during the service. 1997.

Whittaker Chambers: A Biography RC 45141
by Sam Tanenhaus
read by Lou Harpenau
4 cassettes
Chambers is best known for accusing Alger Hiss of being a Communist in his testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1948. Tanenhaus reexamines the controversy and reviews the whole of Chambers's life, tracing his progress from Communist spy to conservative pundit. 1997.

Balm in Gilead: A Baptist Minister's Personal Journey through Drug Addiction RC 45192
by Don Jeffries
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Chronicles the descent of a gifted Baptist minister into the abyss of substance addiction to become "a homeless and almost helpless derelict." After losing his family, friends, and job, he turned to prayer, recovered, and went on to head a rehabilitation center. 1992.

Digital Literacy RC 45205
by Paul Gilster
read by Michael Consoli
2 cassettes
Examines the Internet as a unique form of popular media that requires a different mind-set, mode of thinking, and set of user skills. Presents techniques for evaluating Internet content, along with strategies for exploiting its resources to best advantage. 1997.

A Gathering of Angels RC 45219
by Morris B. Margolies
read by David Elias
2 cassettes
Margolies, a rabbi and professor of Jewish history, examines the role of angels, including Satan, as portrayed in the Hebrew Bible, in the Dead Sea Scrolls, and in Jewish literature over several centuries. Considers religious, philosophical, and literary perspectives on angelic and demonic influences. 1994.

The Synergy Myth and Other Ailments of Business Today RC 45223
by Harold Geneen
read by Michael Consoli
2 cassettes
A former head of ITT Corporation expounds on the basics of business success: hard work, fun, risk taking, honesty, and persistence. Critiques trendy corporate fads such as synergy, social responsibility, and the Internet. Offers insights into the business environment of the 1990s. 1997.

The Simpsons: A Complete Guide to Our Favorite Family RC 45258
by Matt Groening
read by Erik Sandvold
5 cassettes
Guide to the humorous animated television show *The Simpsons*. Includes synopses of seven years of weekly episodes, character descriptions, sample dialog, and show highlights. Bestseller 1997.

The Love Affair as a Work of Art RC 45282
by Dan Hofstadter
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
Hofstadter has selected French authors' correspondence from 1796 to 1834 and from 1887 to 1915 to examine their professions of love as a literary art form unique to the epoch. The writers include Madame de Staël, Chateaubriand, George Sand, Alfred de Musset, Anatole France, Marcel Proust, and others. 1996.

Trotsky: The Eternal Revolutionary RC 45288
by Dmitri Volkogonov
read by Jake Williams
5 cassettes
Political portrait of a major figure in the 1917 Russian Revolution and idealistic believer in Communism's inevitable domination of the world. Depicts Trotsky's genius as organizer of the Red Army, his acrimonious rivalry with Stalin after Lenin's death, and his assassination in exile by a Stalinist agent. 1996.

The Haunted Land: Facing Europe's Ghosts after Communism RC 45311
by Tina Rosenberg
read by Gabriella Cavallero
4 cassettes
A survey of issues faced by new democracies of Eastern Europe as they address the impact of crime under communist rule. The author discusses such incidents as an East German border guard's shooting of Berlin Wall escapees, a Czech dissident's apparent collaboration with the Soviets, and General Jaruzelski's use of martial law in Poland in 1981. National Book Award 1995.

Beyond the Classroom: Why School Reform Has Failed and What Parents Need to Do RC 45321
by Laurence Steinberg
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
An analysis of underachievement in American schools, based on a study of 20,000 students from nine high schools over ten years. Concludes that poor academic performance is due primarily to factors outside the classroom: apathetic parents, peer influences, and overemphasis on social activities. Suggests remedies for reform. 1996.

Making Love Last Forever RC 45343
by Gary Smalley
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
A Christian counselor's guide to achieving "forever love," a state in which one realizes true joy in living and an abiding devotion to one's spouse. Offers techniques for overcoming anger, taking charge of one's life, and bolstering both relationships and marriage. 1996.

Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature RC 45361
by Linda Lear
read by Nanette Savard
5 cassettes
Portrays the life of a pioneer environmentalist, whose 1962 book, *Silent Spring (RC 20184)*, alerted the world to the risks of chemical poisoning. Traces her early years studying marine biology, her careers as government scientist and writer, and her influence in changing peoples' attitudes and public policy on ecology. 1997.

Deadly Feasts: Tracking the Secrets of a Terrifying New Plague RC 45375
by Richard Rhodes
read by Jeff Baker
2 cassettes
Explores the origins, effects, and spread of a virulent new class of cross-species diseases known as TSEs. A well-known manifestation of a brain-destroying TSE virus was the mid-1990s panic about "mad cow" disease in Britain. Tracks the progress of medical research and considers the plague's long-term implications. 1997.

Doo-Dah! Stephen Foster and the Rise of American Popular Culture RC 45379
by Ken Emerson
read by David Elias
3 cassettes
Portrays the life and works of one of America's earliest professional songwriters and creator of popular music. Traces his youth in Pittsburgh, his desultory search for a career, his later success as a composer of minstrel songs, and his tragic final years as a bibulous pauper who strove in vain for respectability. 1997.

***The Cricket on the Hearth* and Other Christmas Stories RC 45381**
by Charles Dickens
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Three short Christmas tales written in the 1850s. In "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "The Holly-Tree," misunderstandings between lovers are cleared up in time to make the holiday cheerful. Similarly, in "The Haunted House," lovers are eventually united. 1994.

Working Solo: The Real Guide to Freedom and Financial Success with Your Own Business RC 45387
by Terri Lonier
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
A longtime consultant gives tips for self-employed people. Outlines the wide variety of possible solo businesses and details the steps necessary to becoming a success, including creating a personal and financial support structure, making use of technology, and obtaining clients. 1994.

The Information Superhighway RC 45390
by Martin and Kathlyn Gay
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Provides an overview of the services of the Internet. Introduces issues of government control, trade and business, education, and privacy. Also discusses electronic mail, listservs, and personal communication. Problems such as piracy, copyright infringement, and obscenity on the Internet are presented briefly. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Whistled like a Bird: The Untold Story of Dorothy Putnam, George Putnam, and Amelia Earhart RC 45404
by Sally Putnam Chapman
read by Dani Carr
2 cassettes
Using diaries kept over a fifty-year period, Chapman writes of the relationship between heiress and adventurer Dorothy Binney Putnam, publisher George Putnam, and aviator Amelia Earhart. Putnam left his wife, Dorothy, for Earhart, but the three remained friends. 1997.

Making the Radiation Therapy Decision RC 45422
by David J. Brenner and Eric J. Hall
read by Richard Hauenstein
1 cassette
Designed to aid and inform cancer patients of the various treatment options available to them, including radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and surgery. Suggests the best treatments for some of the more common cancers and provides a comprehensive overview of the entire regimen. 1996.

Ask Your Angels RC 45425
by Alma Daniel and others
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
A guide to understanding and relating to angels, whom the author perceives as celestial companions. Describes a five-step process of exercises and meditations by which people can link with angels, who can enable them to improve their relationships and better control their lives. 1992.

Take Charge of Your Diabetes RC 45429
by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
read by Lou Harpenau
1 cassette
A guide for people with adult-onset diabetes to help prevent complications. Describes potential problems and how to avoid them. Stresses the need to work with a health-care team to control the blood glucose level. 1997.

Under Observation: Life inside a Psychiatric Hospital RC 45432
by Lisa Berger and Alexander Vuckovic
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
An account of the diagnosis and treatment of patients in a New England psychiatric hospital. Describes cases of depression, psychosis, schizophrenia, and other disorders. Portrays the complexities of mental-health practice in the late twentieth century. Strong language. 1994.

Outsmarting IQ: The Emerging Science of Learnable Intelligence RC 45437
by David Perkins
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Examines the history of intelligence theory and the three dimensions of intelligence: neural, experiential, and reflective. Argues that mental capacity is not entirely genetic and that "most people can learn to function in a substantially more intelligent way." 1995.

***Kora and Ka*: With *Mira-Mare* RC 45439**
by Hilda Doolittle
read by Mitzi Friedlander
1 cassette
Two experimental pieces written in 1930 by the imagist poet "H.D." set in Monte Carlo. In the first, Kora is John Helforth's companion while he recovers from a nervous breakdown. His Ka, from the Egyptian concept of shadow-soul, also accompanies them. In "Mira-Mare," Alex explores the beach setting. The eleven-page introduction by Robert Spoo provides literary commentary. 1996.

Memory Slips: A Memoir of Music and Healing RC 45441
by Linda Katherine Cutting
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
A woman portrays her life as a concert pianist with "memories of family violence, incest, and suicide." Describes mentally escaping from her sexually abusive father through music. Recounts the painful process of "breaking silence" years after her childhood traumas. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Fields of Battle: The Wars for North America RC 45444
by John Keegan
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
Examines the influence of geographic factors in North American battles. Conducts analytical tours of forts and battlefields of the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and others. Explains the parts waterways, terrain, and space played in strategies and outcomes of key conflicts. 1995.

Jimmy Buffett: The Man from Margaritaville Revealed RC 45447
by Steve Eng
read by Brian Conn
3 cassettes
Portrays the life of popular singer Jimmy Buffett, well known for his hit

song "Margaritaville." Chronicles his childhood in Alabama, his college days, and his thirty-year ascent in the music industry to become a top concert performer and recording artist. Strong language. 1996.

Denial of the Soul: Spiritual and Medical Perspectives on Euthanasia and Mortality RC 45450
by M. Scott Peck
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
Explores the social, medical, and ethical dimensions of euthanasia. At the heart of the issue, the author contends, is the spiritual question of whether the human soul exists. Opposes a public policy of allowing "euthanasia on demand" while arguing for more humane handling of physical and emotional pain. 1997.

Braving the Elements: The Stormy History of American Weather RC 45451
by David Laskin
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
Presents a popular history of weather and its cultural impact in the United States. Traces "man's experience with the climate," including rainmaking ceremonies of Native Americans, scientific contributions of pioneers like Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, and twentieth-century technology-driven meteorology. 1996.

The Winged Seed: A Remembrance RC 45466
by Li-Young Lee
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
A poet's reminiscences about his background, his family, and his wife. Dreams, incidents, and memories of family stories intermingle in Lee's stark autobiography. His Chinese parents endured many hardships in Indonesia before coming to Pennsylvania when he was six. 1995.

Immortelles: Memoir of a Will-o'-the-Wisp RC 45478
by Mireille Marokvia
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
A French writer in her eighties reminisces about her childhood and her favorite relatives. Remembrance gives ancestral ghosts immortality, she suggests, like the long-lasting flowers—the immortelles—that lined her grandmother's walk. 1996.

Science and the Founding Fathers: Science in the Political Thought of Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, and Madison RC 45480
by I. Bernard Cohen
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Explores the influence of scientific principles and reasoning upon political thought and action in early American government. Cites such examples as Jefferson's reference to Newtonian elements in the Declaration of Independence and Franklin's effective use of science in his diplomatic and political careers. 1995.

Planet of the Blind RC 45500
by Stephen Kuusisto
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Although legally blind since birth, Kuusisto passed as sighted for more than thirty years. He describes his refracted visual perceptions and how pretending to see actually interfered with his participation in the sighted world. Then, by using a white cane and, even-

tually, a guide dog, he experienced new acceptance and mobility. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1998.

The Would-Be Gentleman, That Scoundrel Scapin, The Miser, Love's the Best Doctor, Don Juan **RC 45522**
by Molière
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
Seventeenth-century plays by the father of French comedy. The *Would-Be Gentleman* satirizes hypocrisy. *The Miser* is a romantic comedy about an old man who interferes with the marriage of his children. *Don Juan* is an adaptation of the classic Spanish social satire. Two other plays are interspersed between these three major works. 1953.

This Side of Peace: A Personal Account RC 45523
by Hanan Ashrawi
read by Suzanne Toren
3 cassettes
A Christian Palestinian woman born in 1946, shortly before the establishment of modern Israel, writes about her political activism and personal life. She describes her intimate involvement in Palestinian politics and portrays the difficulties of Middle East negotiations. 1995.

The Vanishing American Jew: In Search of Jewish Identity for the Next Century RC 45524
by Alan M. Dershowitz
read by Ralph Lowenstein
3 cassettes
Argues that Jewish identity is at risk of being lost, as Jews increasingly intermarry and become absorbed into American society. Points out that in this era, when Jews have achieved so much as a people, it is ironic that their cultural survival is more threatened than ever. Calls for measures to solidify the Jewish community. 1997.

Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell; Adventurer, Adviser to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia RC 45530
by Janet Wallach
read by Suzanne Toren
3 cassettes
Depicts an exception among wealthy British women in the early twentieth century. Describes her knowledge of Arabic, Mesopotamian geography, and tribal politics, which made her instrumental in the emergence of Iraq as a nation. The dream of marriage and children eluded her, but her published books and role in Middle East history are her legacy. 1996.

Philosophy of Right RC 45533
by Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel
read by Ralph Lowenstein
3 cassettes
Hegel expounds his social philosophy, which realizes its ideal within a constitutional monarchy under a sovereign. He methodically develops this system, considering such concepts as abstract right, morality, and ethics in the contexts of family, community, and state. 1896.

The Wisdom of the Body RC 45536
by Sherwin B. Nuland
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
Companion to *How We Die (RC 37812)*. A surgeon explores the mystery of life and the human body. Discerns an inherent "spirit" in the organic structure, through which humans maintain themselves and survive. Examines the body's major systems, recounting case studies

involving the body's responses to diseases and treatments. 1997.

The Beatles RC 45537
by Hunter Davies
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
Originally published in 1968 at the Beatles' peak in popularity, this authorized biography of the internationally acclaimed musical group includes a 1996 update, as well as supplemental information from the 1985 edition. Davies was permitted full access to the group, spending eighteen months with them at home and in the studio. Some strong language. 1996.

Byron: The Flawed Angel RC 45544
by Phyllis Grosskurth
read by George Holmes
5 cassettes
A portrait of the celebrated nineteenth-century poet who had a major influence on the Romantic movement. Depicts Lord Byron's troubled youth, his unexpected entry into the realm of English peerage at age ten, his extensive travels, his libertine lifestyle, and his final years in exile. 1997.

Uncrowned King: The Life of Prince Albert RC 45545
by Stanley Weintraub
read by John Horton
4 cassettes
Portrays the obscured, yet influential, governing role of Prince Albert, who married Queen Victoria in 1840. Traces his German youth; his struggle for acceptance by the British people; and his enduring contributions to the scientific, economic, and cultural life of Great Britain. 1997.

The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II RC 45548
by Iris Chang
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
An account of the Japanese occupation of Nanking, China, that began in December 1937. Describes a prolonged orgy of rape, torture, and murder that resulted in an estimated 350,000 deaths. Also explores why this massacre has been ignored by many historians. Descriptions of sex and violence. Bestseller 1997.

Hear: Solutions, Skills, and Sources for People with Hearing Loss RC 45557
by Anne Pope
read by Chris Shields
1 cassette
After explaining how the ear works and what can cause hearing loss, Pope discusses coping strategies for individuals, their families, and their friends. She also offers information on hearing aids, the cochlear implant, and other devices to improve hearing. Includes interviews with several hearing-impaired persons. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Great Careers for People Interested in Travel and Tourism RC 45566
by Donna Sharon and
Jo Anne Sommers
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Profiles ten careers in the field of travel and tourism, including festival organizer, meeting and convention planner, travel agent, guest services manager, and travel writer. Describes a typical workday in each occupation and offers advice on how to plan for and enter these lines of work. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

One Hundred One Home Office Success Secrets RC 45570
by Lisa Kanarek
read by Patricia McDermott
1 cassette
A handbook of practical tips for the home-office entrepreneur. Garnered from interviews with thirty home-office professionals, the advice covers such areas as marketing, office management, work habits, and personal development. Uses illustrative anecdotes. 1994.

The Day before Yesterday: Reconsidering America's Past, Rediscovering the Present RC 45571
by Michael Elliott
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
The author contends that Americans whine about their country's future because they compare everything to the Golden Age of 1945–1970. Elliott suggests that the economic conditions of these post-war years were an anomaly in history. He says that the U.S. of the 1990s is more like the U.S. of pre-World War I, a nation of immigrants. He recommends that Americans be optimistic. 1996.

Raymond Chandler: A Biography RC 45573
by Tom Hiney
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
In this biography Hiney depicts Chandler as a man very different from the suave hero of his Philip Marlowe detective stories, many of which became movies. A devoted husband to a woman eighteen years his senior, Chandler did not become a womanizer until after her death. His bouts with alcoholism were a recurring problem but did not interfere with his writing. 1997.

Beauty Lab: How Science Is Changing the Way We Look RC 45578
by Mildred Leinweber Dawson
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
The author describes how the human body works and how to take care of it. Discusses how good health combined with the results of medical and cosmetic research can help maintain the natural beauty of teeth, hair, and skin. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Great Careers for People Interested in Food RC 45579
by Helen Mason
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Profiles ten careers in the food industry, including restaurateur, food wholesaler, baker, chef, and milk inspector. Describes a typical workday in each occupation and offers advice on how to plan for and enter these lines of work. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

***Mark Twain Made Me Do It* and Other Plains Adventures RC 45583**
by Bryan L. Jones
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
A teacher reminisces about growing up in 1950s Nebraska as the son of a preacher. Jones writes of the boyhood pranks and adventures he and his friends enjoyed in this fond remembrance of the way it was. Essays that evoke typical concerns of the times include "Baseball," "Pot Roast Every Sunday," and "Polio." 1997.

A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again: Essays and Arguments RC 45588
by David Foster Wallace
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
Seven wry essays set forth incisive observations on popular aspects of American society. The title piece chronicles a one-week luxury cruise in the Caribbean, detailing the sights and sensations of the experience with candid and caustic insight. Strong language. 1997.

Stuttering: A Life Bound Up in Words RC 45589
by Marty Jezer
read by Randy Wieck
2 cassettes
A lifelong stutterer, Jezer describes the physical and psychological obstacles he encounters in trying to communicate verbally. Neither speech therapists nor psychotherapists have been able to ease his stuttering, but his gregarious nature helps him persevere even in difficult situations, such as public speaking and business transactions by telephone. 1997.

Great Careers for People Interested in the Past RC 45590
by Victoria Vincent
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Profiles ten careers in fields that deal with the past, including museum coordinator, petroleum geologist, comic store manager, history professor, and antique dealer. Describes a typical workday in each occupation and offers advice on how to plan for and enter these lines of work. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Smell: The Secret Seducer RC 45594
by Piet Vroon
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
A psychologist explores the history, science, and myths associated with the sense of smell, which he believes is taken for granted in Western culture. He explains the biology and "psychophysics" of olfaction, how the sense varies in degree among individuals, and its links with emotion, memory, and sex. 1997.

Caught Inside: A Surfer's Year on the California Coast RC 45595
by Daniel Duane
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
An account of a year spent surfing in northern California. The author describes the natural history of the wildlife of the area. He also delves into the art of crafting a surfboard, the water dynamics of surfing, and the cultural history of the sport. 1996.

When Someone You Love Is Depressed: How to Help Your Loved One without Losing Yourself RC 45598
by Laura Epstein Rosen and Xavier Francisco Amador
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
The authors, both clinical psychologists, explain ways to help depressed friends and family members without being overcome by sadness or anger. They define depression, suggest means of communication, and recommend further reading and related websites. 1996.

Stuff: The Materials the World Is Made Of RC 45604
by Ivan Amato
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
Amato traces the use of stuff—raw materials—in the development of products from prehistoric to modern times. He relates the evolution of the field of materials science to the human ability to manipulate smaller and smaller building blocks of matter. He theorizes that "smart" materials, under research in the 1990s, signal the beginning of a new technological era. 1997.

Signs of Life: A Memoir of Dying and Discovery RC 45605
by Tim Brookes
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
A journalist examines questions about mortality and how people deal with the idea of death and the reality of dying. He recounts the process of his mother's death—the diagnosis of terminal cancer, the hospice experience, and the grieving of survivors. Offers insights into coping with matters at life's end. 1997.

Benchmarks: Great Constitutional Controversies in the Supreme Court RC 45610
edited by Terry Eastland
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
Scholarly essays concerning the ways Supreme Court justices interpret the U.S. Constitution. Selections analyze the power of judicial review of federal and state government decisions and discuss well-known cases in American constitutional law. 1995.

Pigskin: The Early Years of Pro Football RC 45629
by Robert W. Peterson
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Chronicles the development of professional football from its origins in college sports of the 1880s to its being a nationally televised attraction in the twentieth century. Traces the founding of the NFL in 1920 and the careers of the game's original stars. Features interviews with former players about the early years. 1997.

The Story of Edgar Cayce: There Is a River RC 45634
by Thomas Sugrue
read by Terence Aselford
3 cassettes
Biography of a man with little formal education who, over a period of forty-three years, performed uncannily accurate medical diagnoses while under hypnosis. Chronicles Cayce's career in unorthodox healing and reviews case histories of his "readings" and prescriptions for various ailments. 1945.

My Brother RC 45639
by Jamaica Kincaid
read by Mary Kane
1 cassette
The author returns to her childhood home in Antigua after learning that her youngest half-brother is dying of AIDS. Kincaid left home when her brother was three and is surprised that she loves him, bringing him drugs from the U.S. to slow down his dying. While in Antigua, Kincaid reviews her life and her struggles as a poor, black bookworm of a girl at odds with her mother. 1997.

The Sisters Rosensweig RC 45657
by Wendy Wasserstein
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author sets this play about three middle-aged Jewish sisters in London in August 1991. The family is celebrating the fifty-fourth birthday of the eldest, Sara. Each sister has a successful career and is content with the life she leads. But Sara's plans to remain single may be changed by a guest at the party. 1993.

Prohibition: Thirteen Years That Changed America RC 45687
by Edward Behr
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
Reviews the history of drinking in America from colonial times and chronicles the Prohibition era from 1920 to 1933. The author contends that thirteen years of legal Prohibition actually fueled organized crime and entrenched corruption. He also compares the 1920s debate about alcoholism with the 1990s struggle against drug abuse. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

Official Negligence: How Rodney King and the Riots Changed Los Angeles and the LAPD RC 45697
by Lou Cannon
read by John Rayburn
6 cassettes
Veteran political reporter Lou Cannon dissects the Rodney King trial and its aftermath of riots. He concludes that the style of government in Southern California led to many of the problems, first within the police department and then within the judicial system. Cannon also explores the various myths he feels were perpetuated by the media. Bestseller 1997.

See Rock City: A Story Journey through Appalachia RC 45701
by Donald Davis
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
Sequel to *Listening for the Crack of Dawn (RC 34389)*. A storyteller reminisces about his boyhood in rural North Carolina during the 1950s. He recounts various youthful exploits, including a memorable visit to Rock City on a family vacation that was beset by a series of humorous misfortunes. 1996.

The Children RC 45703
by David Halberstam
read by Jake Williams
6 cassettes
As a young journalist in the early 1960s, Halberstam covered the story of the "sit-in kids," who integrated lunch counters in Nashville. In this book he chronicles the actions of African American college students who were part of the civil rights movement and traces their subsequent careers. Some violence. 1998.

Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit RC 45709
edited by Jack Canfield and others
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Collection of 101 inspirational stories selected from 7,000 submissions. Intended to increase awareness of Christian values at home, at work, and in the community. Contributors include ordinary citizens from all walks of life as well as Dick Van Dyke and Norman Vincent Peale. Bestseller 1997.

Leonardo DiCaprio: Modern-Day Romeo RC 45716
by Grace Catalano
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Born in 1974, the actor decided to go into show business at the age of twelve. This biography traces his television and movie career and discusses his popularity. His movies include *This Boy's Life, William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*, and *Titanic*. Bestseller 1998.

Bitter Harvest: A Woman's Fury, a Mother's Sacrifice RC 45728
by Ann Rule
read by Carol Dines
3 cassettes
In 1995 the house of Kansas City physician Debora Green burned, causing the deaths of two of her three children. Signs of arson led to the arrest of Dr. Green, who was also suspected of trying to poison her estranged husband. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Tales of Two Cities: A Persian Memoir RC 45730
by Abbas Milani
read by Lou Harpenau
1 cassette
A college professor in California reminisces about his childhood in a strictly religious Muslim home in Iran. At fifteen he was sent to the U.S. for a Western education. He returned to Tehran with a Ph.D. in political science, was imprisoned for ideological reasons, and eventually chose exile. His reflections offer insights into two strongly contrasting cultures. 1996.

Anatomy of the Spirit: The Seven Stages of Power and Healing RC 45739
by Caroline Myss
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
Dr. Myss, a medical intuitive, motivates people to cure their bodies through spiritual healing. Myss draws on principles from three major religions to present her program to patients. Bestseller 1996.

Die Broke: A Radical, Four-Part Financial Plan RC 45740
by Stephen M. Pollan and Mark Levine
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
The authors offer a plan designed to restore personal confidence, increase wealth, and allow people to have their dream lifestyles. The rules are quit today, pay cash, don't retire, and die broke. Includes information on careers and financial subjects, such as accountants, insurance, taxes, and credit cards. Bestseller 1997.

Genetic Engineering: Progress or Peril? RC 45743
by Linda Tagliaferro
read by Butch Hoover
1 cassette
Explores the science and technology of genetic research and its practical applications for medicine and agriculture. Discusses transgenic engineering of plants and animals, patenting of new life-forms, and issues of ethics and regulatory controls. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

Death of a Princess: The Investigation RC 45846
by Thomas Sancton and Scott MacLeod
read by Frank Coffee
3 cassettes
Two Paris-based *Time* magazine staffers report on the automobile accident that led to Princess Diana's death on August 31, 1997. They include possible reasons for the crash as well as delve into the lives of the personalities involved. Bestseller 1998.

The Long Hard Road out of Hell RC 45881
by Marilyn Manson
read by Randy Wieck
2 cassettes
Autobiography of rock star Marilyn Manson. Manson grew up in Ohio, where he rejected his religious upbringing. Moving to Florida as a teen, he studied journalism and theatre in college while frequenting the local club scene. He describes his band, friends, and performance art, concluding by expressing happiness with his drug-free life. Violence, strong language, explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

The New Rules of Money: Eighty-eight Strategies for Financial Success Today RC 45955
by Ric Edelman
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
Rules to help maximize financial assets in the economic climate of the 1990s, discussing income, expense, and debt management; college planning; home ownership; investment strategies; and estate preparation. Advice for singles, parents, retirees, senior citizens, and those who are in debt. Bestseller 1998.

Speaking Freely: A Memoir RC 45983
by Nat Hentoff
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
A noted civil libertarian portrays highlights of his forty-year career in journalism. Recounts experiences and insights that helped to form his passionate views on free speech, civil rights, abortion, and other controversial issues. 1997.

Bernard Romans: Forgotten Patriot of the American Revolution; Military Engineer and Cartographer of West Point and the Hudson Valley RC 45994
by Lincoln Diamant
read by John Rayburn
1 cassette
Biography of a Dutch-born surveyor, cartographer, and engineer of the American Revolution. As a British civil servant, Romans spent decades surveying Florida and the southeast territories. When the war came, Romans joined the American side and helped to defend the Hudson River. 1985.

The Confidence Course: Seven Steps to Self-Fulfillment RC 46152
by Walter Anderson
read by John Rayburn
1 cassette
From the editor of *Parade* magazine, this course on self-confidence enables readers to learn to change their behavior in order to gain emotional well-being. Gives exercises and practice examples. 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

The Last Ride RC 40965
by Tom Eidson
read by Don Emmick
2 cassettes
A Western adventure tale of personal redemption and family reconciliation. As his final act, a dying Samuel Jones returns to make amends to Maggie, the daughter he abandoned some thirty years before. When renegade Apaches kidnap Maggie's daughter, Samuel and Maggie set out after the captors. Christian faith is pitted against Indian magic in the course of their perilous rescue mission. 1995.

The Unmanageable Miss Marlowe RC 40995
by Emma Lange
read by Nancy Kronenfeld
2 cassettes
Young Sarah Marlowe and her London cousin, Kitty, are gently bred but not particularly well-to-do. Sarah agrees to have her Season with Kitty, but it's not marriage she has in mind. She plans to win back a friend's family jewels from an unscrupulous society man. Lord Dominic Ravensby, while escorting his niece to the same parties, somehow finds himself constantly having to rescue Sarah from uncomfortable situations. Some strong language. 1991.

The Nylon Hand of God RC 41111
by Steven Hartov
read by Richard Davidson
4 cassettes
Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Baum is retiring from Israeli Military Intelligence. One of his last official acts will be overseeing the exchange of prisoners between Israel and Iran. But a bomb explodes in the Israeli Consulate in New York City, and Baum, sent to investigate, finds himself facing an old enemy. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Fugitive Colors: A Sigrid Harald Mystery RC 43417
by Margaret Maron
read by Gillian Wilson
2 cassettes
Police Lieutenant Sigrid Harald grieves when her artist lover, Oscar Nauman, is killed in a car accident. Nauman bequeaths his prized artwork to her, and New York gallery owners stage a memorial retrospective in his honor. When one of them is found murdered in Nauman's apartment, Harald finds herself back on the job. Some strong language. 1995.

The Unfastened Heart RC 43649
by Lane von Herzen
read by Jeanne Evans
2 cassettes
Twelve years after her husband abandoned her, Anna de la Senda "lives for love" as a mystical healer of forlorn women. Then she finds herself in a troubled romance and her daughter pregnant by an estranged boyfriend. All seems lost, until Anna's clients come to the rescue. Sequel to *Copper Crown (RC 35965)*. 1994.

The Tranquility Alternative RC 43656
by Allen Steele
read by Jeff Halberstadt
2 cassettes
In this alternative-history story, the U.S. space program places a nuclear missile base on the moon in the early 1950s. Because the cold war has ended, a U.S. mission is launched in 1995 to destroy the lunar base. But the mission crew is

infiltrated by terrorists who have sinister plans for the missiles. Strong language. 1996.

Blood and Honor RC 43940
by W.E.B. Griffin
read by Bob Askey
4 cassettes
This sequel to *Honor Bound (RC 37933)* finds Marine aviator Cletus Frade in 1943 Buenos Aires ostensibly to bury his father, who was killed by Nazi agents. Frade's OSS mission is to prevent a German ship from resupplying U-boats in the area. His personal mission is to avenge his father. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Love Leads Home: Love Is a Gentle Stranger, Volume 4 RC 44258
by June Masters Bacher
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
At nineteen, True North leaves the only home she has known and journeys to Atlanta, Georgia, in search of her past. For she knows she must go back before she can move on with her life. She has only begun her journey when she meets Michael St. John, a shareholder in the railroad, who offers her his protection. Sequel to *Diary of a Loving Heart (RC 44257)*. 1984.

Love's Enduring Hope: Love Is a Gentle Stranger, Volume 6 RC 44260
by June Masters Bacher
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
True and Young Wil have returned home to Centerville after helping Marty and Midgie get settled at the Double N Ranch. But before they can move into the cabin they plan to call home, tragedy strikes their community, and then they receive a desperate cry for help from Midgie. Sequel to *Love Follows the Heart (RC 34297)*. 1990.

Lady Chatterley's Lover RC 44295
by D.H. Lawrence
read by John Lescault
3 cassettes (Reissue)
An earthy love story, once banned in the United States, of the affair between Lady Chatterley and her gamekeeper, Mellors. Married to an impotent, disabled husband, she is attracted to Mellors's strength and independence from industrial society. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1928.

Winds of Change: The Mage Winds, Book 2 RC 44393
by Mercedes Lackey
read by Madelyn Buzzard
4 cassettes
Elspeth's search for a mage brings her to the Vale of the Tayledras, where she finds help from the Hawkbrother Adepts. Unfortunately Elspeth's training is incomplete when the Tayledras are attacked by a Dark Adept, Flaconsbane, who alters the power of their Heartstone. Sequel to *Winds of Fate (RC 44392)*. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

***Asking for Love* and Other Stories RC 44396**
by Roxana Robinson
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
A collection of stories about prosperous families split asunder by divorce and the emotional casualties who are left to go on with their lives. The title story tells of a divorced woman's awkward courtship, even as she struggles for reconciliation with her aggrieved teenage daughter. 1996.

The Bristling Wood RC 44483
by Katharine Kerr
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
This sequel to *Darkspell (RC 44482)* is set in an alternate universe evoking medieval Britain. The wizard Nevyn discovers the nefarious scheme of the Dark Council to destroy the world. Part-elf Rhodry and his lover, Jill, get caught up in a desperate effort to defeat the evil. Strong language and violence. 1989.

The Dragon Revenant RC 44484
by Katharine Kerr
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Bristling Wood (RC 44483)*, Rhodry, heir to the throne of Deverry, is abducted by the Dark Council for use as bait to catch Nevyn, chief of the forces of light. Warrior-woman Jill and the elf Salamander set out to rescue Rhodry and nearly fall into the trap. 1990.

A Time of Exile RC 44485
by Katharine Kerr
read by Fred Major
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Dragon Revenant (RC 44484)*, Lord Rhodry reigns over the land of Deverry. When his old flame, the sorceress Jill, entreats him to accept his elven heritage, Rhodry fakes his own death and embarks on a quest to the land of the elves in search of his destiny. 1991.

The Long Trail North RC 44579
by Robert J. Conley
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Prolific writer of Western adventures from the American Indian point of view tells the tale of a Texas rancher who pursues outlaws from his home state north through Cherokee and Choctaw country. Seeking revenge for the shooting of his partner, he learns about his country and himself. Strong language and some violence. 1993.

***Girl Goddess #9*: Nine Stories**
RC 44748
by Francesca Lia Block
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
1 cassette
Stories about unconventional teenage girls, their dysfunctional relationships, and their extravagant fantasies. In the title story, two girls imagine having their own magazine and interviewing a flamboyant rock star. Strong language and descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn RC 44769
by Betty Smith
read by Laura Giannarelli
3 cassettes (Reissue)
A novel about an Irish-American girl's childhood and youth, her struggles with poverty, and her work to get an education. The setting is Brooklyn's tenement life of the early 1900s. 1943.

Looking for Mr. Goodbar RC 44770
by Judith Rossner
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A schoolteacher living alone in New York City falls into a pattern of picking up strangers in bars for physical gratification. Based on a newspaper account of a young woman murdered by a stranger met at a singles bar. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1975.

Cast a Long Shadow RC 44777
by Wayne D. Overholser
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
Against his dying father's admonition to "stay on the side of the big fellows" of the land grant company, Matt Keenan runs afoul of the powerful "big fellows" who are running settlers off their lands. Keenan joins the settlers' cause and confronts their oppressors in a crucial showdown. Violence. 1955.

Tabloid Dreams: Stories RC 44780
by Robert Olen Butler
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Twelve short stories with plots inspired by tabloid headlines. A man is reincarnated as a parrot and purchased by his ungrieving widow. A woman develops sight in her prosthetic eye and uses it to spy on her husband. A victim of the *Titanic* has become one with the water and ends up in a waterbed. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Winners and Losers RC 44782
by Stephen Hoffius
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Daryl, the coach's son, and Curt run track for their high school. During the first meet of the year, Daryl has a brief heart stoppage and collapses, which allows Curt to beat him for the first time. Determined to regain his previous form and his father's attention, Daryl resumes his track career in spite of possibly tragic consequences. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

My Father's Scar RC 44798
by Michael Cart
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
Andy Logan had been different from other children. He was obese and brilliant and a disappointment to his abusive, alcoholic father. With the help of a few people he can call friends, Andy begins to mature and to appreciate his differences, mentally and sexually. In college, Andy acknowledges his homosexuality. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

The Angel of Darkness RC 44855
by Caleb Carr
read by Bob Askey
5 cassettes
In 1897, a year after apprehending serial killer John Beecham in *The Alienist (RC 38121)*, Dr. Laszlo Kreizler is called in to help his friend Sara Howard investigate the kidnapping of a Spanish diplomat's baby. Trying to avoid publicity that would further strain Spanish-American relations, the team hunts for suspects. Attention turns to nurse Libby Hatch because several children have died while under her care. 1997.

The Complete Stories RC 44929
by Edgar Allan Poe
read by Ed Blake
8 cassettes
Sixty-eight short stories by the nineteenth-century American master of the macabre. Contains familiar favorites such as "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Gold Bug," and "The Pit and the Pendulum," as well as such lesser known works as "MS. Found in a Bottle," "King Pest," "The Man That Was Used Up," "The Devil in the Bel-

fry," "The Balloon-Hoax," and "Some Words with a Mummy." 1992.

God Save the Child RC 44953
by Robert B. Parker
read by Ray Foushee
1 cassette (Reissue)
Fifteen-year-old Kevin Bartlett has disappeared from his home in an affluent Boston suburb. His parents are soon convinced he has been kidnapped, but private detective Spenser is not so sure. Strong language. 1974.

Reign in Hell RC 45000
by William Diehl
read by Ray Foushee
3 cassettes
Martin Vail is a successful state attorney general. When a militia attacks an army convoy in Montana, Vail is appointed to prosecute them. Unknown to Vail, serial killer Aaron Stampler, whom he dealt with in *Show of Evil (RC 44959)*, is still alive and is now masquerading as a blind preacher in the terrorist camp. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Heart of Thunder RC 45055
by Johanna Lindsey
read by Chris Shields
2 cassettes
In 1870, Samantha Blackstone Kingsley returns to Mexico after three years of schooling in the East. At a stopover in Denver, Samantha shoots a man in self-defense. Outlaw Hank Chavez, amazed at her shooting ability, is immediately attracted to Samantha. But she has her sights on someone else. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1983.

Cloud Chamber RC 45120
by Michael Dorris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
A generational saga told through personal narratives. Irish, African American, and Native American voices reveal a family's history from nineteenth-century Ireland to late-twentieth-century America. The multicultural threads combine in Rayona, a principal character in Dorris's earlier work, *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water (RC 26494)*. 1997.

Mount Misery RC 45142
by Samuel Shem
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes
Companion to *The House of God (RC14289)*. A psychiatrist portrays his profession in this story about a medical resident's psychiatric training. The student rotates among the wards of Mount Misery hospital. He learns the complexities of the practice from staff who are themselves disturbed in various ways. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Maggody Militia RC 45143
by Joan Hess
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
The town of Maggody is once again invaded by unusual characters. This time it's a group of survivalists who plan war games on the land of a new Maggody resident, widowed pawnshop owner Kayleen Smeltner. Chief of police Arly Hanks has plenty to worry about, including an unusual number of burglaries, but death associated with the survivalists soon takes center stage. 1997.

Wobegon Boy RC 45161
by Garrison Keillor
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
John Tollefson leaves his stolid Lutheran hometown of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota, to operate a college radio station in New York state. He finds romance, wins awards, and lives a carefree life but feels a sense of restlessness and ennui. When his father dies, John returns home to rediscover old friends and family. Best-seller 1997.

Lady of the Reeds RC 45180
by Pauline Gedge
read by Annie Wauters
4 cassettes
Thu, a beautiful, ambitious village girl, meets Hui, a court official, who teaches her skills above her station. Becoming a favorite concubine of the Pharaoh Ramses only makes her aspire to more. But Egyptian court intrigue is a dangerous game. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 1994.

Nazareth Hill RC 45193
by Ramsey Campbell
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
A man and his teenage daughter move into an apartment house that once served as a mental asylum where patients were tortured. The family and their neighbors witness specters and eerie scenes of past horrors. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

A Jury of Her Peers RC 45194
by Jean Hanff Korelitz
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
Manhattan Legal Aid public defender Sybylla Muldoon is shocked to learn that a former client has been arrested for stabbing a young girl. Although homeless, the man Sybylla defended had been sane and harmless. Now he's committed to Bellevue for paranoid schizophrenia, and the only clue to his transformation is a waxy implant found in his arm. Strong language and some violence. 1996.

A Rage in Harlem RC 45215
by Chester Himes
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
After Jackson is swindled by a con artist promising quick riches, he steals cash from his job, then gambles it away. Out of options, the hapless Jackson joins forces with police, hoping to recover his money and avenge himself. Strong language and violence. 1957.

The Treasure of the Sierra Madre RC 45216
by B. Traven
read by Ted Stoddard
2 cassettes
Americans Dobbs, Curtin, and Howard are on an expedition to search for a gold mine in the Mexican mountains. They are more business associates than friends, however. The wilderness and the lack of law enforcement in the region allow the worst of Dobbs's nature to come to the fore. Violence and some strong language. 1935.

***The Country of the Pointed Firs* and Other Stories RC 45218**
by Sarah Orne Jewett
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
Poignant stories about late-nineteenth-century life in a Maine fishing village. In the title story, first published in 1886, a writer retreats to spend a quiet summer

in a remote seaport, where she discovers a strong and cohesive community even as the town faces economic decline. 1997.

Final Appeal RC 45220
by Lisa Scottoline
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Attorney Grace Rossi is clerking for federal judge Armen Gregorian when he surprises her by confessing his romantic feelings. The next morning Gregorian is found dead and declared a suicide. Rossi suspects murder and investigates a variety of people, including his politician wife, who might have wanted Gregorian dead. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

Enchiladas, Rice, and Beans RC 45222
by Daniel Reveles
read by Lewis Grenville
2 cassettes
Nine novellas center around the lives of ordinary people in a Mexican border town in Baja California. In "The Other Woman," a mistress explains to a young wife why it is better not to be married in Mexico. In "Of Time and Circumstance," an American finally travels to Tecate to meet his Mexican lawyer only to find a surprise. Strong language and some violence. 1994.

The Heat's On RC 45227
by Chester Himes
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
Tough cops Coffin Ed Johnson and Grave Digger Jones are cited for use of excessive force in making a heroin arrest. Soon after, Jones is shot and his death is announced as a ruse to maneuver the pair of detectives into position for a major drug bust. Strong language and violence. 1966.

Inventing Memory: A Novel of Mothers and Daughters RC 45246
by Erica Jong
read by Lindsay Ellison
2 cassettes
In the year 2005 Sara, a historian, documents her Jewish roots. Beginning with her great-grandmother Sarah, who fled Russia in 1905, four generations of women tell their stories. As each daughter breaks free to make her own mistakes, her mother's love remains constant. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Able McLaughlins RC 45247
by Margaret Wilson
read by Jeremy Gage
2 cassettes
After serving in the Civil War, Wully McLaughlin returns to his midwest home and his beloved Chirstie McNair, who has become pregnant against her will. Wully accosts the culprit and banishes him from the town. Wully marries Chirstie and assumes paternity, but the child's father is not yet out of their lives. 1951.

Night of Broken Souls RC 45305
by Thomas F. Monteleone
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
After a patient tells psychiatrist J. Michael Keating about her recurring nightmares of Nazi death camps, Keating discovers that people around the world are having the same dreams. He probes the mystery and uncovers an unworldly conspiracy to resurrect the Holocaust. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Broken Promise Land: A Sharon McCone Mystery RC 45309
by Marcia Muller
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Someone within the inner circle of country-singing star Ricky Savage is making disturbing threats. Savage's sister-in-law, Detective Sharon McCone, hires Hy Ripinsky for protection, but Savage's crumbling marriage and upcoming tour create gaps in the security net, and the danger moves within striking range. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Bride of the Mist RC 45317
by Christina Skye
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Kara Fitzgerald, a bridal magazine editor, wants to do a photo shoot at Dunraven Castle in the Scottish Highlands. Castle owner Duncan MacKinnon refuses. Then unusual circumstances put Kara and Duncan in London, where they are forced to work together on a project—one that sends Kara back in time to nineteenth-century Draycott Abbey. Sequel to *Bridge of Dreams (RC 44830)*. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Pirate's Prize RC 45320
by Venita Helton
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
New Orleans, 1814. When fellow merchant Dominique Youx enters the establishment of Loire Chartier, he is immediately smitten and sets out to win her heart, even to the point of fighting a duel. But a life together must wait, for during the wedding ceremony a startling secret is revealed. Some descriptions of sex. 1994.

An Angel for the Earl RC 45322
by Barbara Metzger
read by Terry Hayes Sales
2 cassettes
After Lucinda Faire has an accident while attempting to return home from an elopement gone sour, she lies unconscious, waiting to die. But Lucinda can't go to heaven unless she can persuade the earl of Stanford to repent of his wicked ways. The earl, however, doesn't want anything to do with his new guardian angel. 1994.

Dreamfall RC 45330
by Joan D. Vinge
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
Half human-half Hydran, Cat is on the planet Refuge to research cloud-whales, but he also hopes to learn about his Hydran heritage from the survivors there. When Cat becomes involved with Miya, a Hydran woman who kidnapped a human child, many conflicts arise and Cat must choose his loyalties carefully. Sequel to *Catspaw (RC 29141)*. Strong language. 1996.

Mercy of a Rude Stream, Volume 3: From Bondage RC 45336
by Henry Roth
read by Barry Bernson
3 cassettes
Ira Stigman, eighty-nine years old, reminisces about his life in the bohemian literary world of 1920s Manhattan. Stigman begins an affair with an English professor, Edith Welles, who is also having an affair with his best friend, Larry. Sequel to *A Diving Rock on the Hudson (RC 41022)*. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Year's Best Science Fiction: Fourteenth Annual Collection RC 45337
edited by Gardner Dozois
read by James DeLotel
7 cassettes
Selections include stories from prolific authors such as Robert Silverberg, John Kessel, and Stephen Baxter, as well as newer writers. In "Immersion" the scientists go to Africa to study the great apes and become one with them; in "The Flowers of Aulit Prison," shared reality for a native is shattered by a Terran. Includes twenty-eight stories. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

California Eagles: The Baynes Clan, Book 4 RC 45341
by John S. McCord
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Ward Baynes is living a peaceful rancher's life in California when the Trampe clan attacks and kidnaps his young son for ransom. After summoning his father and brothers, Ward tracks the outlaws down. Sequel to *Wyoming Giant (RC 36231)*. Some violence. 1995.

A Case of Rape RC 45349
by Chester Himes
read by Bob Moore
1 cassette
Written in 1956 and first published in 1963. An American socialite dies under suspicious circumstances in a Paris hotel room. The four African American men who were also in the room are tried for rape and murder. The trial for this apparently clear-cut crime becomes a racially driven travesty of justice. Some strong language. 1994.

The Cockatrice Boys RC 45350
by Joan Aiken
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
Large, evil monsters destroy most of England, forcing humans to live underground. The Cockatrice Boys—a brave group of volunteers who command an armored train—rush to bring food to Manchester and determine to end the occupation. Dakin, a drummer boy, and his cousin Sauna, who can see the future, play important roles in the fight. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

I'd Rather Be in Philadelphia: An Amanda Pepper Mystery RC 45351
by Gillian Roberts
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
High school English teacher Amanda Pepper finds a disturbing book at a school fundraiser. Someone left notes in the margins about being an abused wife. Against the advice of her police boyfriend, Amanda tracks down the victim—just in time to find the woman's husband dead on the kitchen floor. Some strong language and some violence. 1992.

The Diary of Mattie Spenser RC 45356
by Sandra Dallas
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
A woman finds the diary of her grandmother, Mattie Spenser, an American pioneer. In 1865 Mattie marries in Iowa and heads off to the Colorado prairie. She grows from a simple farm girl into a woman complicated by the harsh life in a sod house, the birth and death of children, and the faithlessness of her beloved husband. 1997.

Formosa Straits RC 45358
by Anthony Hyde
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
Nick Lamp, an Asian American, is accused of murdering Chinese gangster and family friend Cao Dai in Taipei. On the run, Nick ends up in mainland China where he discovers secrets from his father's past that may guarantee him protection. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Bed and Breakfast RC 45359
by Lois Battle
read by Ilona Dulaski
3 cassettes
Now in her seventies, widow Josie Tatternall summons her daughters to celebrate Christmas at her Beaufort, South Carolina, bed-and-breakfast. Cam is an editor in New York, and Evie is a newspaper columnist in Savannah. Lila lives close to home and plays the role of "good daughter." But each brings home a slew of family problems. Some strong language. 1996.

Short Money RC 45367
by Pete Hautman
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
In this prequel to *Drawing Dead (RC 38267)*, former cop Joe Crow's life is on the rocks when he becomes bodyguard for a local doctor. A violently dysfunctional family that runs a game preserve aims to eliminate the doctor, and Crow finds himself in a web of danger. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Promise Me Tomorrow: Rocky Mountain Memories, Book 4 RC 45369
by Lori Wick
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
This sequel to *To Know Her by Name (RC 45370)* relates the story of Katherine, daughter of Jackie and Clayton Taggart. Katherine is working at an orphanage when she meets widower Chase McCandles. He chaperones her when she delivers two children to their new home. On the return trip, Katherine becomes ill and spends time at Chase's home where she meets his young son, Quintin, who needs a mother. 1997.

Scandalous RC 45371
by Candace Camp
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
In nineteenth-century England, Priscilla is shocked to find a naked man almost unconscious on the porch of her home, Evermere Cottage. He's an American who has lost his memory of everything except being held captive by two men. Priscilla, who secretly writes adventure stories, tries to help him solve the mystery of his past. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1996.

The Lady's Companion RC 45373
by Carla Kelly
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
At twenty-five, Susan Hampton has given up hope of a London season since her father gambled away the family estate. She does not want to stay with her aunt, who will treat her as little more than a servant. So she finds work as a lady's companion—but the woman doesn't want her help. 1996.

Manhunters RC 45374
by Elmer Kelton
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes
Chacho Fernandez, a young Mexican living in Texas, is cheated out of a horse by a gringo. When the sheriff comes to investigate, an error by their translator leads to a misunderstanding that ends in a shooting. Plagued by guilt, Chacho flees, and Texas Rangers Kelly and Florey are soon on his trail. 1974.

The Keepers of the House RC 45376
by Shirley Ann Grau
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
William Howland married his African American housekeeper after his first wife died. But he didn't announce his marriage in his Southern town and sent his mixed-race children away to school. Now as Howland's legacy is revealed, his granddaughter faces society's wrath as his only surviving white heir. Pulitzer Prize. 1964.

Winter Rose RC 45377
by Patricia A. McKillip
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes
When attractive Corbet Lynn arrives to reclaim his family home, villagers recall rumors about his grandfather's murder and a family curse. Two sisters, Laurel and Rois, are captivated by him, but only Rois sees his connection to another world. Then Corbet disappears, and Laurel withers missing him. Rois saves Laurel's life and unlocks mysteries. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

The Final Chapter of Chance McCall RC 45378
by Stephen Bly
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
New York editor Lynda Austin is alarmed when the last chapter of a book containing treasure maps disappears from the office. A clue leads her to believe the missing pages are in Montana, which gives Lynda a good excuse to meet up with appealing rodeo circuit cowboy Brady Stoner again. 1996.

Brat Farrar RC 45380
by Josephine Tey
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Simon Ashby is about to turn twenty-one and come into his late parents' horse farm and considerable inheritance. Unexpectedly, a stranger claiming to be his dead twin, Patrick, appears and causes consternation in Simon, upheaval in the family, and violence in the quiet English countryside. 1950.

Betrayals RC 45382
by Charles Palliser
read by Jeff Baker
3 cassettes
A convoluted satire on writing and literary criticism. In ten interconnected chapters, each a parody of a different mystery form or genre, storytellers relate tales of jealousy and murder, all of which somehow deal with deception. Some violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 1994.

Shades of Grace RC 45383
by Barbara Delinsky
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
Grace Dorian, sixty-one, is nationally

known for her advice column. Her daughter Francine and granddaughter Sophie help manage Grace's empire from their Connecticut home. But things begin to crumble when, at times, Grace becomes confused. A diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease sets in motion a chain of events that leads to romance and uncovers shocking secrets. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Conversations at Curlow Creek RC 45384
by David Malouf
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
A convict, Carney, facing execution at dawn, and a lawman, Adair, sent to enforce the sentence, pass the night in conversation. Although set in Australia 170 years ago, the issues raised in their discussion are timeless ones of sin, freedom, and the meaning of life. Some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1996.

Altered States RC 45385
by Anita Brookner
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
Staid, middle-aged solicitor Alan Sherwood broods about his past while on vacation. Torn by the death of his wife and his love for the heartless Sarah, Alan seeks for meaning in his life. 1996.

When the World Was Steady RC 45386
by Claire Messud
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
Two middle-aged sisters try to find happiness in their lives. Emily married and moved to Australia when she was twenty. Now, at forty-seven, she finds herself divorced and alone. Virginia remains in London with their mother. Each woman engages in a separate quest to come to terms with her identity. Some strong language. 1994.

Takeoff: The Pilot's Lore RC 45396
by Daniele del Giudice
read by Peter Gil
1 cassette
Eight segments reflect on various aspects of flying—the exhilaration and the fear. They include essays on actual events as well as descriptions that could only be imagined; for example, memories of the author's first solo flight and described encounters with pilots whose planes have crashed. Also pays homage to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry by retracing his last flight, in 1944. 1994.

The Challengers RC 45402
by Grace Livingston Hill
read by Mary Kane
2 cassettes
The Challengers are struggling to survive during the depression. The father, a university professor, is hospitalized, the mother is out of work, the rent is past due, and there is no food in the house for the four children still living at home. But then a kindly grocer helps them out, and suddenly life begins to improve—especially when a lawyer arrives with surprising news. 1932.

Dust on the Sea RC 45403
by Edward L. Beach
read by Robert Sams
3 cassettes
In the latter days of World War II, a wolf pack of United States submarines is deployed to intercept Japanese troop ships en route to Okinawa and Iwo Jima. One such sub, the USS *Eel*, pursues a perilous mission in Japan's home waters. 1972.

No Time for Sergeants RC 45406
by Mac Hyman
read by Ted Stoddard
2 cassettes
Life changes drastically for Georgia hillbilly Will Stockdale after he is inducted into the air force. The harder Sergeant King tries to regiment the enthusiastic recruit into the military mind-set, the more his efforts are confounded. Stockdale's humorous escapades are outlandish. 1954.

Daniel's Gift RC 45410
by Barbara Freethy
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
Twelve-year-old Daniel St. Claire longs to meet his father, Luke Sheridan, head of a California biotech company. But his mother, Jenny, wants nothing to do with Luke, who left her for his career. Then, after attempting a reunion, Danny is hurt in a terrible accident. As he lies unconscious in the hospital, Danny's parents try to make amends. Some strong language. 1996.

The Same Place but Different RC 45414
by Perry Nodelman
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Johnny Nesbit discovers that his baby sister, Andrea, has been kidnapped by the Strangers and replaced with a changeling. Johnny's parents believe that Andrea is autistic now that her behavior has changed, but Johnny knows the truth. Johnny will have to battle many strange creatures to rescue Andrea. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Private Confessions RC 45417
by Ingmar Bergman
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
In five separate conversations, Anna confesses her adulterous affair with Tomas, a younger theological student. Her main confidante is her childhood pastor, who counsels her to give up Tomas and stay with her husband. Each confession provides different details of Anna's emotional life. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Hints of His Mortality RC 45423
by David Borofka
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
Stories that depict the angst and guilt of middle-aged men who regret their failure to measure up to life's expectations. In "The Summers of My Sex," the storyteller recounts some of the boyhood experiences that influenced his sexual development. Strong language. 1996.

Liberty Blue RC 45424
by Robin Lee Hatcher
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Olivia Vanderhoff fled New York and her overbearing father several years ago when he demanded she wed a man of his choice. Now, in 1890, she is living happily on her Idaho ranch under the name Libby Blue. But then she accidentally shoots Remington Walker, who was hired by her father to find her. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Deep as the Marrow RC 45427
by F. Paul Wilson
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
When the president announces his plan to legalize and tax the narcotics trade,

the drug lords see their lucrative empire threatened. Then the president's personal physician faces a crucial dilemma when his young daughter is kidnapped: derail the president's plan or risk losing his child. Strong language and violence. 1997.

The Expendables RC 45428
by Leonard B. Scott
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes
A tale depicting violent combat and valor in the Vietnam War. Follows the exploits of soldiers from diverse backgrounds up to and during the initial battle between American forces and the regular North Vietnamese Army in 1965. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1991.

Goodnight, Irene RC 45430
by Jan Burke
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
O'Connor, Irene Kelly's best friend from her newspaper days, is blown to bits in his front yard. Homicide detective Frank Harriman asks Irene to help him by returning to her newspaper job to find out if O'Connor had made any progress on his pet project—a thirty-five-year-old case of an anonymous murder victim. Strong language and violence. 1993.

Katwalk RC 45431
by Karen Kijewski
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Charity Collins, advice columnist, hires her friend Kat Colorado, private investigator, to recoup a small fortune Charity's ex-husband stole. Kat travels to Las Vegas and soon follows the money trail left by Sam Collins. Before she can get her hands on any of the money, however, Sam is dead. Still, Kat does not want to come home empty-handed. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1989.

Thirteen Miles from Suncrest RC 45433
by Donald Davis
read by Randy Wieck
2 cassettes
On his tenth birthday in 1910, Medford Henry McGee of Close Creek, North Carolina, is given a diary by his father, who believes it is time for Med to start "riting out his life." For three years, Med spends Sunday afternoons recording his childish view of family events until a tragedy forces Med to take on grown-up responsibilities. For senior high and older readers. 1994.

Purple America RC 45434
by Rick Moody
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
When Hex Raitliffe's stepfather abandons Hex's mother, the middle-aged son returns home to care for her. Hex's mission of mercy soon goes awry as he loses control of his life through heavy drinking, in a desultory romance, and under the stress of caring for a parent who is paralyzed. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Love Charm RC 45435
by Pamela Morsi
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
In 1820s Louisiana, Armand Sonnier secretly loves his childhood friend Aida Gaudet but feels his unremarkable looks and short stature would never appeal to her. When Armand inadvertently causes Aida to break up with his

best friend, he's terrified that he has sent her into the arms of his older, married brother. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Mote in God's Eye RC 45438
by Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle
read by John Polk
4 cassettes (Reissue)
In the thirty-first century, humans make initial contact with another intelligent species. Though the aliens seem candid, they may be concealing their true and dangerously cunning nature. 1974.

Border Line RC 45440
by Robert J. Conley
read by John Polk
1 cassette
Partners Ben Lacey and Dhu Walker travel from Texas to Iowa to get Ben's sister, Katharine. Four years after the Civil War, the Indian territory is full of outlaw Confederates. Ben and Dhu struggle to return with Katharine and their fortune intact. 1993.

Cyberweb RC 45442
by Lisa Mason
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
While Carly Nolan attempts to regain her reputation as a telespace attorney, she goes to work for a mainframe artificial intelligence called Cognatus. Carly learns that Cognatus, a silicon supremacist, intends to seize control of telespace. Sequel to *Arachne (RC 42778)*. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Underpainter RC 45443
by Jane Urquhart
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
In his old age, American painter Austin Fraser remembers his friends and mentors while creating his last work of art. His was an emotionally barren life. His girlfriend Augusta and his best friend, Canadian china painter George Kearns, served in World War I while Fraser stayed home and painted. Fraser's Canadian model and lover, Sara, waited for a commitment that never came. 1997.

Weighed in the Balance RC 45445
by Anne Perry
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
Prince Friedrich gave up his crown and his country for Princess Gisela. Now, twelve years later, he has died and Countess Zorah Rostova—living in Victorian London—has accused the princess of murder. But when the countess is charged with slander, she comes to Sir Oliver Rathbone for help. Naturally, Rathbone calls upon his friend William Monk to investigate. 1996.

Just for the Summer RC 45446
by Laura Van Wormer
read by Ann Hodapp
3 cassettes
Highly successful investment banker Mary Liz Scott surprises everyone by retiring at the age of thirty-two. While supposedly vacationing in East Hampton, Mary Liz secretly investigates the estate of her godmother's late husband and finds both suspense and romance. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Bear Comes Home RC 45448
by Rafi Zabor
read by Fred Major
4 cassettes
A hip, literate, saxophone-playing bear finds himself underemployed as a street

dancer performing for pocket change. Aiming to realize his full potential, the animal prodigy begins playing world-class jazz in a New York club. He is arrested, sprung from jail, and taken to Woodstock, where he plays and finds love with a woman. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Orchard Keeper RC 45449
by Cormac McCarthy
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
McCarthy set this first novel in rural Tennessee in the 1930s. A bootlegger kills in self-defense and hides the corpse. An old orchard keeper guards this hidden grave. Meanwhile, a youth searches for his missing father and befriends both the bootlegger and the orchard keeper. Although their paths cross, no one reveals all the secrets. Some strong language and some violence. 1965.

The Tribes of Palos Verdes RC 45459
by Joy Nicholson
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
1 cassette
When fourteen-year-old twins Medina and Jim Mason move to California from the Midwest, their father, a heart surgeon to the stars, thrives while their mother develops an eating disorder. Jim quickly joins the teen culture of drugs and alcohol while Medina is ostracized. As their parents' marriage fails, the twins turn to surfing. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Jephte's Daughter RC 45473
by Naomi Ragen
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Beautiful heiress Batsheva Ha-Levi is raised in America in the orthodox Jewish tradition by loving parents. Agreeing to marry a scholar in Israel in order to preserve a family dynasty, Batsheva soon finds herself in an intolerably abusive situation, with a young son. 1989.

Time without End RC 45479
by Linda Lael Miller
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *For All Eternity (RC 39330)*, vampire Valerian meets the latest reincarnation of Brenna, whom he loved and lost when he was a fourteenth-century mortal. Now she is Las Vegas homicide detective Daisy Chandler, and Valerian is terrified she'll die tragically as she did in all previous lives. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. 1995.

The Salt Line RC 45485
by Elizabeth Spencer
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
In the aftermath of the 1969 hurricane Camille, former professor Lex Graham settles in a storm-wrecked Mississippi coastal town with his family—and his inherited wealth. As Graham joins in the community restoration effort, an old enmity poses complications. Some strong language. 1984.

Jazz Funeral: A Skip Langdon Novel RC 45515
by Julie Smith
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival is in full swing, and the producer, Hamson Brocato, is throwing a party. But when the guests, including detective Skip Langdon, arrive, they find Brocato dead. They also discover that

Melody, his teenage half-sister, is missing. Langdon investigates the events and uncovers some family secrets. Strong language and some violence. 1993.

The Allies: An American Family Portrait, Book 6 RC 45517
by Jack Cavanaugh
read by John Stratton
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Pioneers (RC 43858)*, Jesse Morgan's wife, Emily, and daughter Katy, a nurse, are aboard the *Lusitania* when it is torpedoed by Germans in 1915. Trapped in England, Katy, now with her brother Johnny, a pilot, becomes involved in the war, and they soon find themselves caught behind German lines. 1997.

Pollen RC 45529
by Jeff Noon
read by Nick Sullivan
2 cassettes
In this follow-up to Noon's futuristic novel *Vurt (RC 40524)*, the city of Manchester is struggling to survive a lethal cloud of pollen and, at the same time, to solve the murder of a popular cabbie—the half-human, half-Dalmatian Coyote. The investigators face attacks by Zombies as they try to understand the virus-laden pollen. Strong language. 1995.

Three Novels: *Molloy*; *Malone Dies*; *The Unnamable* RC 45531
by Samuel Beckett
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
Interior monologs whose theme is expressed in the stream of consciousness of *The Unnamable*: "I can't go on; I'll go on." Molloy sets off to visit his mother and ends up in a ditch; Moran goes to find him. Malone, looking to pass the time on his deathbed, decides to tell himself stories, compile a list of his possessions, and describe his own death as it happens. 1958.

The Genesis Code RC 45547
by John Case
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
In an Italian church, a doctor confesses a sin so detestable that the priest refuses him absolution. In Washington, D.C., an agent investigates the mysterious murder of his sister and her son. His probe uncovers a plot by a secret sect in Italy, which involves the unspeakable sin. Strong language and violence. 1997.

The Cobra Event RC 45549
by Richard Preston
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
The Centers for Disease Control dispatches Alice Austen, M.D., to New York to investigate two unusual cases. From the autopsies, she learns that a virus causing self-cannibalism is spreading like the common cold. But this killer disease was designed by a scientist who is out of control. Violence. 1997.

Trial RC 45572
by Parnell Hall
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Actor-turned-private-investigator Stanley Hastings assists personal-injury lawyer Richard Rosenberg on his first murder case. The husband accused of murdering his wife claims he played cards all night with his buddies. After Hastings interviews the card players, he is sure something about this airtight alibi doesn't ring true. Some strong language. 1996.

Death Takes Passage: An Alex Jensen Alaska Mystery RC 45574
by Sue Henry
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
When Alaskan trooper Alex Jensen and his friend, Iditarod musher Jessie Arnold, take part in a historic recreation of a ship's voyage during the Alaskan gold rush, they come up against pirates and must fight for their lives and those of their shipmates. Some strong language and some violence. 1997.

The Rock Cried Out RC 45575
by Ellen Douglas
read by Barry Bernson
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Mississippi native Alan McLaurin, a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, returns from Boston to his Southern home in 1971. The peace and solitude that he seeks elude him, as he becomes caught up in the memory of the tragic death of a cousin whom he secretly loved. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1979.

Silent Melody RC 45576
by Mary Balogh
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
As a young child, Lady Emily Marlowe has a fever that leaves her deaf and unable to speak, yet she learns to communicate with Lord Ashley Kendrick in their own special language. So she is devastated when he goes to India and then marries. Later, in 1763 Ashley returns home, and Emily knows she loves only him—but she is engaged to another. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Beach RC 45577
by Alex Garland
read by Randy Davidson
3 cassettes
During his stay in a Bangkok flophouse, a young western adventurer comes upon a secret map showing the way to an uncharted coastal paradise. He and a French couple embark on a perilous trek to the idyllic beach, and once there, they join a commune inhabited by bizarre individuals. Strong language and violence. 1997.

I'll Be Seeing You RC 45581
by Lurlene McDaniel
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
Carley Mattea is in the hospital yet again when Kyle Westin is admitted. Kyle has been temporarily blinded by a chemistry experiment gone awry, so he cannot tell that Carley's face has been disfigured by cancer. Kyle falls in love with the Carley he knows, but she is determined that he will never see her after he recovers. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

Blood and Chocolate RC 45584
by Annette Curtis Klause
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
A beautiful teenage werewolf, Vivian, is attracted to a normal human, Aiden, but Aiden's rejection of Vivian's dual nature almost kills her. Vivian is then forced to come to terms with her position in the pack and to accept her destiny. Some violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. For senior high readers. 1997.

The Magician's Wife RC 45585
by Brian Moore
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Emmeline, the beautiful young wife of famous magician Henri Lambert, accompanies her husband to Algeria in 1856. Henri has been asked by emperor Napoleon III to prevent a holy war against France by using his magical powers to intimidate the Muslims. Emmeline is enchanted with the land and people—and with the man in charge, Colonel Deniau. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

The Case of the Drowsy Mosquito RC 45586
by Erle Stanley Gardner
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
Perry Mason is embroiled in litigation over a mining company. His client Banning Clarke, prospector-turned-mining-executive, wants to regain controlling stock in the firm, but some will stop at nothing to see that he fails. A Perry Mason mystery. 1943.

On the Couch: Great American Stories about Therapy RC 45587
edited by Erica Kates
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Nineteen stories demonstrate the interaction between therapist and patient. "If Only Bert Were Here" tells about Aileen's inability to accept the death of her cat, Bert. Only her therapist will listen to her—for a fee. In "Psychoanalysis Changed My Life," an elderly therapist intervenes actively in guiding her patient in new directions. 1997.

Breakfast in Bed RC 45593
by Sandra Brown
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
Sloan Fairchild agrees to let her best friend's fiancé, Carter Madison, finish writing his novel at her San Francisco bed-and-breakfast. But when she meets Carter, Sloan is shocked by her immediate strong attraction to him and by his declaration of the same feelings for her. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1983.

Deadly Harvest RC 45597
by Leonard Goldberg
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Pathologist Joanna Blalock is desperate to find a donated liver for her fatally ill sister. During her search a celebrity murder, the discovery of a long-dead corpse, and a rash of organ-transplant deaths lead Blalock to uncover a black market in body parts. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Almost No Memory RC 45601
by Lydia Davis
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
A collection of tales reflecting on diverse themes, including love, tragedy, and alienation. In "Mr. Knockly," a woman attending her aunt's funeral observes a grief-stricken stranger. Hoping to learn more about the mysterious gentleman, she follows him for weeks and then witnesses his murder. 1997.

Nevada Tough: The Baynes Clan, Book 5 RC 45602
by John S. McCord
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *California Eagles (RC 45341)*, Darnell Baynes receives

word that profits have plummeted at his family's Nevada mine. Suspecting embezzlement by the workers, Baynes makes tracks for Nevada with a clever scheme to smoke out the culprits. Violence. 1996.

In Praise of Mothers: A Literary Anthology RC 45603
edited by Lilly Golden
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
Fourteen short stories exploring the relationships between mothers, children, and family. Includes "Everyday Use" by Alice Walker and "The Good Deed" by Pearl Buck. 1994.

Spice Box RC 45614
by Grace Livingston Hill
read by Chris Shields
2 cassettes
Immediately following her sister's funeral, Janice Whitmore leaves her home of five years to escape her evil brother-in-law. Found unconscious in a snowstorm, she is nursed back to health by Dr. Howard Sterling. But Janice will have to evade her nemesis three more times before she finds happiness. For high school and older readers. 1943.

Do the Windows Open? RC 45627
by Julie Hecht
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Short stories depicting the excesses and banality of life in late-twentieth-century America, as told by a neurotic middle-aged woman. In the title work, she describes a series of bizarre characters encountered on a bus ride from Long Island into Manhattan, a trip she manages only with the aid of tranquilizers and music by Mozart. 1997.

My Outlaw RC 45632
by Linda Lael Miller
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
At age seven, Keighly Barrow looks in the mirror at her grandmother's house and sees a young boy who appears to be in a saloon. A century apart, the two meet at the mirror whenever Keighly visits. As an adult, she inherits the house and vows to go through the mirror. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

Allegro RC 45647
by Joseph Machlis
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
In this coming-of-age novel, Danny becomes a famous concert violinist and performs with Ruth, a pianist who is also his lover. Danny betrays her with other women, and himself with drugs. He must decide whether he is sincere about rehabilitation. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Riven Rock RC 45676
by T. Coraghessan Boyle
read by Jim Zeiger
4 cassettes
1904. Stanley McCormick, heir to a Chicago fortune, marries a young scientist and leader in the women's movement, Katherine Dexter. McCormick soon descends into his family's schizophrenia and sexual mania and is secluded for the rest of his life. His wife remains faithful to him, from a distance. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

The Masterharper of Pern RC 45681
by Anne McCaffrey
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
Child prodigy Robinton, born at Harper Hall, is popular among the harpers, who teach the culture of Pern through their music. But the harpers are losing credibility because the dreaded Thread has not fallen for centuries. And in the north, the hatred of Robinton is growing. Falls between *Dragonflight (RC 12522)* and *Dragonsdawn (RC 28037)*. 1998.

The House on the Strand RC 45682
by Daphne du Maurier
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes (Reissue)
A young Englishman who is visiting a friend at his old house on the Cornish coast is induced to test a hallucinogenic drug that transports him back to the fourteenth century. He observes the people who lived then and returns many times to find out what happens to them. Descriptions of sex and some violence. 1969.

Acorna: The Unicorn Girl RC 45684
by Anne McCaffrey and Margaret Ball
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes
Three prospectors find a baby alien traveling through space in a pod. She has a little horn in her forehead and possesses abilities to heal and to purify water and air. Her caretakers name her Acorna. To flee scientists who want to experiment on her, they travel to the outlaw planet Kezdet where more evil awaits. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

The Ashes of Eden RC 45690
by William Shatner
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
At age sixty-two, Captain Kirk retires from Starfleet and faces a life devoid of challenge and adventure. But things change when a mysterious young woman enlists his aid to save her homeworld. Kirk travels to a world that rejuvenates him, but his actions threaten to disrupt the fragile peace between the Federation and the Klingon empire. A Star Trek novel. 1995.

The Year of the Flood RC 45691
by Eduardo Mendoza
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Set in Spain in the 1950s, this is a tale of thwarted love. A mother superior approaches a wealthy landowner, who is a debonair womanizer, to request financial aid for her order. Their mutual attraction is stronger than either anticipated, but the nun is prevented from keeping an assignation when she is kidnapped by rebels. 1992.

The Agüero Sisters RC 45692
by Cristina García
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Constancia and Reina are sisters, born in Cuba but raised apart. Haunted by their mother's mysterious death and their father's suicide, the two eventually come together in Miami. But the key to understanding the family saga lies in Cuba, and Constancia returns to find it. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Road to the World's End RC 45694
by Sigurd Hoel
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Young Anders recounts his growing perception of people and the world beyond his Norwegian farm. His childhood description focuses on family ties and agricultural episodes, portraying a remote rural community in the early twentieth century. 1995.

The Names of the Mountains RC 45696
by Reeve Lindbergh
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
The children of famed aviator Cal Linley gather at the home of their widowed mother, whose memory is fading with age. Together, at the side of the failing matriarch, the siblings share their lives and tragedies as they rekindle the bonds of family. 1992.

The Maine Massacre RC 45700
by Janwillem van de Wetering
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
When his brother-in-law dies, the Amsterdam commissaris travels to Maine to help his sister settle her affairs. Sergeant de Gier, hoping to see a little of America, accompanies the commissaris. They soon discover that this is only the latest in a series of suspicious deaths in the area, and their probe uncovers some shady dealings. Strong language and violence. 1979.

Both Ends of the Night: A Sharon McCone Mystery RC 45705
by Marcia Muller
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Private investigator Sharon McCone's former flight instructor, Matty Wildress, hires Sharon to find her lover. John Seabrook, who has been missing for a week, had told Matty nothing about his past, but he left behind a young son, a pile of money, and instructions for her and the boy to go into hiding. Strong language and some violence. 1997.

Dark Horse RC 45707
by Bill Shoemaker
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
Ex-jockey Coley Killebrew is content running his new restaurant until his fiancée is kidnapped by drug dealers who are involved in the horse racing business. Uncovering scams and scandals, Coley tries to save lives while in the midst of the DEA, Colombians, and corrupt horse owners. 1996.

The Man in the Queue RC 45708
by Josephine Tey
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes (Reissue)
As a crowd of spectators is entering a London theater to watch a popular musical comedy, tragedy strikes. A man in the crowd sinks dead to the ground, a silver dagger protruding from his back. Inspector Alan Grant follows a trail of clues to the Scottish highlands and an improbable murderer with an unusual motive. 1957.

Black and Blue RC 45715
by Anna Quindlen
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
After yet another beating, emergency room nurse Fran Benedetto finally leaves her policeman husband, Bobby. She takes their ten-year-old son and flees to Florida through an underground organization. There, they begin quite different lives while they wait to see if Bob-

by can find them. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1998.

Here on Earth RC 45717
by Alice Hoffman
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
After nineteen happily married years in California, March Murray returns to her hometown in New England for a funeral with her fifteen-year-old daughter in tow. Meeting her childhood love, Hollis, the orphan her father had taken in, March realizes she still loves him. Abandoning her husband, March moves into Hollis's house but learns he is not the same boy she once adored. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Only Love RC 45718
by Erich Segal
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
As a young doctor, Matthew Hiller joins Médecine Internationale and trains to work in Africa. He falls in love with a fellow trainee, Silvia, and they plan to marry. But Silvia deserts him and marries another. Years later, Silvia comes to Matthew to explain—and for treatment of a brain tumor. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Fear Nothing RC 45719
by Dean Koontz
read by Bob Askey
3 cassettes
Christopher Snow has a skin disease, xeroderma pigmentosum, which has forced him to hide from light during all of his twenty-eight years. When his father dies of cancer, Chris stumbles on something odd in the hospital. Soon he is running for his life as he tries to unravel a mystery. Violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Thrill! RC 45720
by Jackie Collins
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
Gorgeous Lara Ivory agrees to star in a film for her ex-husband's wife, Nikki. While on the set, Lara falls in love with new actor Joey Lorenzo. While her colleagues struggle to control Lara, a stalker is watching her every move. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Dream a Little Dream RC 45735
by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
After her embezzling televangelist husband dies in a crash, his destitute young widow, Rachel Stone, brings her little boy back to face the unfriendly town of Salvation, North Carolina. Reeling from his own loss, surly Gabe Bonner is dismayed to find himself helping Rachel. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

A Winter Wedding RC 45746
by Janice Bennett and others
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
Three short stories centered around the theme of weddings in the wintertime. In *The Fairy Tale Wedding*, the bride's cousin gets help from the groom's cousin in planning the perfect ceremony, but a surprise awaits them both. In *A Match for the Season*, a cousin also plays an important role. Bestseller 1998.

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood RC 45768
by Rebecca Wells
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
At forty, Sidda Walker is a famous theater director whose life spirals downward after a *New York Times* interview implies that her mother, Vivi, was a child abuser. Vivi immediately disowns Sidda, but the Ya-Yas, Vivi's longtime friends, intervene. Sequel to *Little Altars Everywhere (RC 36350)*. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1996.

Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned RC 45769
by Walter Mosley
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
In fourteen linked stories, an older ex-con named Socrates ponders decency and formulates a moral code for African American men on the streets of Watts. Socrates employs his principles by befriending Darryl, a fatherless twelve-year-old boy, and making him take responsibility for his actions. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Where Love Goes RC 45796
by Joyce Maynard
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Claire, mother of two and nearly forty, is recently divorced and searching for love. Claire eventually finds a perfect partner in Tim, who is also divorced and has a daughter. Bringing their families together, though, proves problematic for the children. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Finder RC 45804
by Greg Rucka
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
While working as a bouncer in a New York club, Atticus Kodiak rescues young Erika Wyatt, the prodigal daughter of his former army commander. Kodiak returns Erika to her father and learns that the girl faces mortal danger in a child custody struggle. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Death of a Macho Man RC 45819
by M.C. Beaton
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
Scottish Constable Hamish Macbeth foolishly agrees to fight the latest troublemaking newcomer in town. "Macho Man" professes to be an American wrestler, although his accent becomes Scots after a few drinks. When he turns up dead before the match, Macbeth is the prime suspect and stands to lose his job and his freedom. 1996.

The Virgin in the Ice: The Sixth Chronicle of Brother Cadfael RC 45828
by Ellis Peters
read by Tom Martin
2 cassettes
Twelfth-century Shropshire was a hotbed of crime; this is the sixth medieval mystery solved by Brother Cadfael. This time he has to travel some distance from his Shrewsbury monastery, through countryside made dangerous by civil war, in search of two missing wards of the order. 1982.

The Mountains Have a Secret
RC 45829
compiled by Arthur W. Upfield
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
In October two young girls set out for a walk in the Grampian Mountains of Australia. They are never seen again, and the policeman who is sent to investigate is murdered. Now it is March, and Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte attempts to solve the mystery. Some strong language and some violence. 1948.

Gone to Earth RC 45830
by Rick Boyer
read by J.P. Linton
2 cassettes
Oral surgeon Doc Adams and his wife Mary purchase an abandoned farm in the Berkshires. While restoring the homestead, they find four vintage Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the barn and their riders in shallow graves. After several more murders, it appears that Doc is the next target of Buddy Franz, a sadistic biker. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1990.

Jack Maggs RC 45849
by Peter Carey
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
In 1837 wanted felon John Maggs returns to London to find his foster son, Henry Phipps, but must conceal his own identity or risk execution. While waiting for Phipps to show up at his home, Maggs is stricken with a mysterious illness and finds himself under the control of a mesmerist who may uncover his secret past. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Apocryphal Tales RC 45851
by Karel Capek
read by Ed Blake
1 cassette
Humorous short stories written by one of Czechoslovakia's leading novelists and playwrights during the 1920s and 1930s. Capek, who died in 1938, views European history and mythology from the perspective of his times in order to highlight social and political concerns. 1997.

The Subtle Knife: His Dark Materials, Book 2 RC 45857
by Philip Pullman
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Sequel to *The Golden Compass (RC 44343)*. Lyra and her daemon are joined in Ci'gazze by twelve-year-old Will, who is searching for his long-lost explorer father. Will proves his mettle—losing two fingers in a fight—and now bears the magical Subtle Knife. Lyra and Will assist in each other's quests. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

After Hannibal RC 45861
by Barry Unsworth
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
In the Umbria region of Italy, five sets of foreigners have chosen to live the simple life among the peasants. Though all appreciate the beauty, art, and history of the area, they have problems getting along with one another and their neighbors. Unfortunately, they resort to the deceitful, cunning, and greedy local lawyer Mancini to resolve their differences. 1996.

Guilty Pleasures RC 45879
by Lawrence Sanders
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Barbara Folsby and her brother, Brett, grow up disliking each other intensely. Brett is merely annoyed when Barbara joins their family's publishing business, but later he sees her success as a threat to his inheritance. Eventually, both will do anything to win power. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Rawhiders: The Wells Fargo Trail, Book 4 RC 45939
by Jim Walker
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Wells Fargo agent Zac Cobb's latest job is to pose as a cattle buyer in Kansas. Meanwhile, the four Reddiger sisters of Texas drive their cattle to Dodge City to save the family ranch that their Mennonite parents struggled so hard to build. Hiring Zac's brother Joe to help them proves to be a great blessing. Sequel to *The Rail Kings (RC 45319)*. 1995.

The Desert Hawks: The Wells Fargo Trail, Book 5 RC 45940
by Jim Walker
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Wells Fargo agent Zac Cobb's new assignment takes him to Arizona to track down bandits stealing army payrolls. It also leads him into a confrontation with his brother Julian, who, bitter from injuries suffered in the Civil War, has become an outlaw. They find themselves thrust together on a boat careening down the rapids of the Colorado River. Sequel to *The Rawhiders (RC 45939)*. *1996.*

Music in the Night RC 45952
by V.C. Andrews
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Teenager Laura Logan is becoming interested in boys, even though her twin brother, Cary, isn't inclined to find a girlfriend. When Laura becomes involved with Robert, her Grandmother Olivia insists that he is not up to the family's social standing. Laura defies her grandmother, until a tragic accident occurs. Sequel to *Unfinished Symphony (RC 45275)*. Bestseller 1998.

Critical Judgement RC 45957
by Michael Palmer
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
Dr. Abby Dolan follows her fiancé, Josh, to the small California town of Patience and takes a job at the hospital. But Josh, overcome by troubling headaches, soon leaves her, and a fellow doctor asks Abby to help him prove that Josh's employer, Colstar, is poisoning the townspeople. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1996.

Cloudsplitter RC 45966
by Russell Banks
read by Jim Zeiger
6 cassettes
Fictional account of John Brown's crusade against slavery culminating in his band's raid on the armory at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, in 1859. Presented as lengthy letters by Owen Brown, John's son, in response to a history professor's inquiry about the abolitionist forty years after Brown's execution. Bestseller 1998.

Peeling the Onion RC 45969
by Wendy Orr
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
After winning a karate championship, seventeen-year-old Anna is hurt in a serious car accident. Before the full extent of her neck and ankle injuries is diagnosed, she endures intense physical pain. Her emotional trauma, from all the changes in her life, is even deeper. Some strong language. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

Finding the Dream RC 45977
by Nora Roberts
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Holding the Dream (RC 44156)*, Laura Templeton struggles to cope with her divorce, raise her two daughters, run Templeton House, and work at the store where she is part owner. Further complicating her life, her brother Josh asks her for a favor on behalf of his longtime friend, Michael. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The Roaring Girl: Stories RC 45981
by Greg Hollingshead
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Short stories involving ordinary people whose lives go awry. In "The Side of the Elements," a man rents his house for a year and comes back to a wake. In "The Death of Brulé," a boy reminisces about growing up next to a family of fourteen children. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Bag Men RC 45982
by John Flood
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
On New Year's Day 1965, a priest's bludgeoned body is found on a Logan Airport runway. Assistant D.A. Ray Dunn probes the murder with a narcotics detective, the former partner of Dunn's corrupt-cop father. The sleuths delve into the drug underworld and uncover a federal conspiracy. Strong language and violence. 1997.

Lives of the Monster Dogs RC 45988
by Kirsten Bakis
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In 1882 a Prussian biologist develops a race of intrepid "dog soldiers," who walk upright and speak. The scientist and his dogs flee to a compound in Canada from which the dogs escape to New York in the year 2008. A young reporter joins the dog colony and uncovers their bizarre secrets. Violence. 1997.

Treasures RC 45997
by Jo-Ann Power
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Cat Farrell is left at the altar by her true love, Spencer Lyonns. Now, still humiliated three years later, Cat tries to reenter Victorian society. Unbeknown to her, Spencer is sent by Queen Victoria to find an Egyptian papyrus, which Cat's father is suspected of having stolen. In the process, he tries to regain Cat's confidence and, ultimately, her love. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

I Know This Much Is True RC 46124
by Wally Lamb
read by John Stratton
6 cassettes
Thomas Birdsey, a schizophrenic, walks into a Connecticut Public Library, prays to God, and then cuts off his right hand. The act changes his life and that of Dominick, his twin brother. Searching for his identity, Dominick struggles with being his brother's keeper and with his own survival. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Devotion RC 46130
by Katherine Sutcliffe
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
England, 1805. Trey Hawthorne, duke of Salterdon, wounded by a band of thieves, lies in a state of semiconsciousness occasionally awakening and turning violent. Maria Ashton, wanting to escape a tyrannical father, restores Trey to health. Love develops, but an aristocrat isn't supposed to marry a servant. Sequel to *Miracle (RC 40276)*. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Finders Keepers RC 46141
by Sharon Sala
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes
A car accident cost Molly Eden her unborn child and the chance to have another. So Molly is overcome with pain when a lost child runs into her yard and asks, "Isth you my momma?" But that is just the beginning of the hurt she endures as she falls in love with the boy's father. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Loop RC 46713
by Nicholas Evans
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Buck Calder is so outraged when a wolf kills the family dog within reach of Buck's baby grandson that he rallies the residents of Hope, Montana, to a hunt. But he has to deal with young wildlife biologist Helen Ross and his son Luke's growing affection for both the wolves and Helen. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1998.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

World Series Classics RC 43418
by Dan Gutman
read by Maxine Wasserman
2 cassettes
Play-by-play narrations of what the author considers to be the five most exciting World Series in the history of baseball: 1912, 1924, 1947, 1975, and 1991. Conveys the drama and suspense of the action-filled games, complete with interesting facts and anecdotes. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Amy Tan: Author of *The Joy Luck Club* RC 44265
by Barbara Kramer
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
Amy Tan is a Chinese American bestselling writer who grew up in California. This biography describes her own difficulty in accepting the heritage her parents brought with them from China, an experience shared by characters in her novels. Explains how she became an author of adult and children's fiction and describes the books. For grades 6-9. 1996.

***Sad Underwear* and Other Complications: More Poems for Children and Their Parents RC 44267**
by Judith Viorst
read by Peggy Gilleland
1 cassette
Collection of more than forty poems covering topics such as the first day of school, fairy tales, pals and pests, moms and dads, and growing up. In the title poem, a young person states that "When my best friend's mad at me, / Everything is sad. / Even my underwear." For grades 2-4. 1995.

Growing Up in America: 1830 to 1860 RC 44580
by Evelyn Toynton
read by Miriam Wagner
1 cassette
Depicts the lives of children during pre-Civil War days, a time when colonial America was becoming industrialized. Examines various ways of life in a New England village, the Great Plains, a Sioux tribe, New York City, and a Southern plantation with slaves. Describes school, work, and play. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Frank Lloyd Wright: Maverick Architect RC 44581
by Frances A. Davis
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Life of the innovative twentieth-century American architect whose advanced and often radical constructions—such as Fallingwater, a house built atop a waterfall—helped create a distinctly "American" architectural style. The author discusses Wright's unique use of

shape and material. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Mail Call! The History of the U.S. Postal Service RC 44583
by Nancy O'Keefe Bolick
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
Discusses the importance of Benjamin Franklin, the "father of the U.S. Postal Service," whose many ideas greatly improved mail delivery. Also looks at some of the more interesting methods used to move the mail in the nation's early days: horses, camels, homing pigeons, dogsleds, and hot air balloons. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Mandela: From the Life of the South African Statesman RC 44755
by Floyd Cooper
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
Traces the life of Nelson Mandela from his youth in South Africa, where his family taught him to stand firm for what was right and fair. Although he left home to get an education, he abided by this lesson even when it caused trouble for him. Mandela later became the first black president of his country and a world leader. For grades 2-4. 1996.

A Pioneer Woman's Memoir: Based on the Journal of Arabella Clemens Fulton RC 44757
by Judith E. Greenberg and
Helen Carey McKeever
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
In 1864, Arabella Clemens, twenty, set out for the Oregon Territory with her twin sisters and their husbands. Sixty years later, at her children's request, Arabella recounts her journey with all its joys—including her marriage to Frank Fulton—and hardships—Indians, scarce food, raging rivers, fierce storms, and deaths. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

Smoking: A Risky Business RC 45323
by Laurence Pringle
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
Explores the history, addictive appeal, and health risks of cigarette smoking. Discusses the efforts of antitobacco groups and government to curtail smoking, as well as the reactive strategies of the tobacco industry. Urges readers to quit smoking or never start. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Ray Charles: Soul Man RC 45389
by Ruth Turk
read by Bob Moore
1 cassette
Biography of the black musician who was blinded by glaucoma as a child. Charles left school at an early age to pursue his musical career. He traveled from his home in Florida to form different bands and became a popular performer of international renown. Covers periods of Charles's life from childhood to age sixty-three. For grades 4-7. 1996.

All about Deer RC 45394
by Jim Arnosky
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Observes the world of deer, including the twenty species that graze five of the world's continents. Illustrates and describes their physical traits, how they tend their young, and their feeding and survival behaviors. For grades 2-4. 1996.

Basher Five-Two: The True Story of F-16 Fighter Pilot Captain Scott O'Grady RC 45398
by Scott O'Grady
read by Lewis Grenville
1 cassette
Air Force fighter pilot Scott O'Grady recounts the harrowing experience of being shot down over hostile Bosnian territory in 1995. He details the missile hit on his plane, his perilous parachute drop, his six days spent evading capture, and his dramatic rescue by marines. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Life on Mars RC 45399
by David Getz
read by David Elias
1 cassette
Describes the challenges, risks, and thrills of an expedition to the red planet. During an imaginary flight, the reader learns about eating, sleeping, and exercising in a weightless environment. Discusses setting up a base for living on Martian soil. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Chesapeake Bay Goose Music RC 45401
by Roger Ethier
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
The author tells his daughter how a young Canada goose was separated from his migrating flock, was wounded, and landed on a tiny island in Chesapeake Bay. Nursed back to health by "Petite Mom," the author's mother, the goose is unable to fly but still finds a mate, who returns to the island each year with their offspring. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1995.

Water: Almost Enough for Everyone RC 45419
by Stephanie Ocko
read by Patricia McDermott
1 cassette
Examines the phenomenon of drought as an environmental and social threat worldwide. Discusses cases of disastrous water shortages in such places as the northwestern U.S., Antigua, and the African Sahel. Explains how air and ocean currents, global deforestation trends, and other factors can cause droughts. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Dead Sea Scrolls RC 45633
by Ilene Cooper
read by David Elias
1 cassette
Describes the 1947 discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls by a Bedouin shepherd boy. Traces the history of custody, restoration, interpretation, and public release of the ancient documents. Explains the historical significance of the scrolls. For grades 5-8. 1997.

The Wind at Work: An Activity Guide to Windmills RC 45640
by Gretchen Woelfle
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Explores the history of windmills as a source of power for pumping water, grinding grain, and generating electricity. Traces the technology from ancient wind machines to modern efficient wind turbines. Includes topical exercises and projects. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Fingerprints and Talking Bones: How Real-Life Crimes Are Solved RC 45658
by Charlotte Foltz Jones
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Discusses the use of forensic science

and technology for crime-solving. Recounts cases in which analyses of fibers, glass fragments, bullets, and human skeletons led to arrests and convictions. Describes a variety of high-tech police tools. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Beyond Your Senses: The New World of Sensors RC 45729
by Hal Hellman
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
The author describes sensors that are being created to replicate the five human senses and how they are being used in industry. Explains how robots and machines replace humans to produce a better product or perform a task. Describes how burglar alarms, toasters, and satellites use these sensors. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Seven Brave Women RC 45778
by Betsy Hearne
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
The author tells of her great-great-great-grandmother Elizabeth, a Mennonite immigrant from Switzerland. She also recalls six other female forebears, including her mother, and concludes that all of them "made history by not fighting wars." For grades K-3. 1997.

Leonardo da Vinci RC 45875
by Diane Stanley
read by Ken Kliban
1 cassette
Presents facts on the life of Italian Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci. Famous in his own time for his painting, war machines, and scientific experiments, da Vinci kept detailed journals of his far-ranging ideas. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Desert Dwellers: Native People of the American Southwest RC 45960
by Scott S. Warren
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Portrays six Native American cultures of the southwest, including the Pueblo, Navajo, Pima, Pai, Hopi, and Apache. Profiles their histories, beliefs, rituals, arts, languages, governments, and customs. Depicts the blending of traditional with modern lifestyles. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Best of Shakespeare RC 45975
retold by E. Nesbit
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Ten of Shakespeare's plays retold in simple language. Nesbit compiled the collection after a visit to the poet's home with her children. She encouraged them to try reading some of the original plays, only to be told the writing was too difficult to understand. This volume includes *Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet*, *The Tempest*, *Macbeth*, and *Othello*. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

Buddy Love: Now on Video RC 40968
by Ilene Cooper
read by Don Emmick
1 cassette
At thirteen Buddy Love's main interests are television and girls. School bores him and so does his family. But when Buddy's father wins a video camera and Buddy gets a chance to use it for a school project, he begins to surprise himself. For grades 5-8. 1995.

More Than a Name RC 44263
by Candice F. Ransom
read by Marilyn Gleason
1 cassette
Cammie's mother has just married Mike Bixby. They move into Mike's house, meet all of Mike's relatives, and send Cammie to the school Mike went to as a boy. As Cammie tries to avoid her obnoxious new cousin, she anxiously waits for Mike to offer to adopt her so they can be a real family. For grades 2-4. 1995.

Grandma Essie's Covered Wagon RC 44399
by David Williams
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Grandma Essie remembers the time her father loaded up her family and their belongings in a covered wagon and set out from Missouri for a better life out West. She recalls her experiences as a little girl at the turn of the century living on a farm in Kansas, moving to an oil boom town in Oklahoma, and finally returning to Missouri. For grades K-3. 1993.

Even Stephen RC 44402
by Johanna Hurwitz
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Sunny, fourteen, is nothing like her older brother, Stephen, who excels at school, in sports, and in practically anything he tries. Yet they are very close. When Stephen finally experiences failure, Sunny helps him to accept it. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Missing Pieces RC 44403
by Norma Fox Mazer
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
At fourteen, Jessie Wells craves more than her mother's stock story about the father who deserted her, so she begins calling all the Wellses in the phone book. Meanwhile, Jessie is having problems with her friends, and the great-aunt who helped raise both Jessie and her mother is becoming forgetful. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Kokopelli's Flute RC 44404
by Will Hobbs
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Out on a nighttime hike to see an eclipse of the moon, Tepary Jones, thirteen, and his dog, Dusty, interrupt two pot-stealers in an ancient New Mexico cave. When Tepary blows on a flute from a disturbed grave, he turns into a changeling: packrat by night, boy by day. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Diane Goode's Book of Scary Stories and Songs RC 44407
by Diane Goode
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Collection of stories, poems, and songs featuring ghosts and goblins, giants and ghouls, and other scary characters —some as silly as they are frightening. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen RC 44585
by Hans Christian Andersen
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
Twelve of Andersen's stories translated by Neil Philip. He has included such well-known tales as "The Princess and

the Pea," "Thumbelina," and "The Ugly Duckling," as well as several lesser known, such as "The Shadow," "Grief," and "Father's Always Right." For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1995.

The Oxboy RC 44754
by Anne Mazer
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
A stark, violent allegory about prejudice and intolerance depicts a time and place when animals and humans often mated. Then the pure-blood people, threatened by crossbreeding, designate a group of hunters to seek out and massacre all who are not pure humans. Oxboy, whose ox father has fled the hunters, tries to conceal his heritage. However, for befriending an otter he is ostracized and imprisoned. Violence. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1993.

Harriet the Spy RC 44768
by Louise Fitzhugh
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Harriet M. Welsch, eleven, is a spy. She has her own sleuthing outfit and her special secret notebook in which she records observations—sometimes good and sometimes bad—about all of her friends. When members of her sixth-grade class discover the book, Harriet must find a way to get out of trouble. For grades 5-8. 1964.

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple RC 44772
by Karen Cushman
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Following her dream in 1849, widowed Mrs. Whipple moves her children to a California mining settlement where she opens a boarding house in a tent. Hating California, her oldest daughter, California Morning, changes her name to Lucy and plots to return to Massachusetts. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Mia, the Beach Cat RC 44773
by Wolfram Hanel
read by Nancy Kronenfeld
1 cassette
Maggie and her new friend, a stray kitten called Mia, have fun playing dodge-the-wave at the water's edge. But one day the kitten jumps overboard from a fishing boat where she hitched a ride in the early morning, and she has to be rescued from the waves. Then Maggie asks her father to help her adopt Mia, so the kitten will be safe. For grades 2-4. 1994.

Father Bear Comes Home RC 44774
by Else Holmelund Minarik
read by Peggy Gilleland
1 cassette (Reissue)
Little Bear's father is away on a fishing trip. Little Bear tells his friends that his father may bring home a mermaid. So hen, duck, and cat wait at Little Bear's house. But Father Bear doesn't have a mermaid when he arrives. For grades K-3. 1959.

Mr. Potter's Pet RC 44775
by Dick King-Smith
read by Ray Dizefalo
1 cassette
Fifty-year-old Mr. Potter has lived a dull life with his strict parents and has never been able to have a pet. But now, because of a bad tin of crab, his parents are dead. On his way home from the funeral, Mr. Potter buys himself an unusual pet. For grades 2-4. 1996.

The Case of the Scaredy Cats RC 44776
by Crosby Bonsall
read by Nancy Kronenfeld
1 cassette
Wizard, Tubby, Skinny, and Snitch are private eyes. They have their own clubhouse, but the girls have taken it over. And the boys' plan to scare the girls away doesn't seem to work. Then one of the girls becomes missing and the private eyes have a job to do. For grades K-3. 1971.

The Junkyard Dog RC 44778
by Erika Tamar
read by Cyn Delafield
1 cassette
As Katie Lawrence, eleven, walks home from school one afternoon, she notices a dog in the junkyard. The dog is very skinny and very scared. Katie can't get the dog out of her mind. With help from her stepfather, Katie takes on the responsibility of feeding and caring for the dog, even though he remains locked in the junkyard. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Fearsome's Hero RC 44785
by Dona Schenker
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
Tully spent fifth grade being bullied by tough Honey Kotcher, but this year is different. After helping Honey out of a jam, Tully is dismayed to realize she now has a crush on him. And his efforts to make her leave him alone keep backfiring. For grades 4-7. 1994.

The Shadow Children RC 44976
by Steven Schnur
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
A few years after World War II, an eleven-year-old boy, Etienne, spends the summer on his grandfather's farm near Mont Brulant. Etienne has encounters with hungry schoolchildren hiding in the woods with their teacher, Isaac. Only Etienne can see them. From his grandfather and the housekeeper Etienne learns the tragic story about the children during the Nazi occupation. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse RC 45212
by Kevin Henkes
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Lilly loves school, and especially her teacher, Mr. Slinger. She even wrote a nice story about him. But Lilly changes her mind about Mr. Slinger the day she takes to school her movie star sunglasses, her three shiny quarters, and her new purple plastic purse that plays a tune. Companion to *Chester's Way (RC 31330)* and *Julius, the Baby of the World (RC 32672)*. For grades K-3. 1996.

Unfinished Dreams RC 45344
by Jane Breskin Zalben
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Sixth-grader Jason Glass dreams of becoming a well-known violinist, and his school principal, Mr. Carr, supports him. Then Mr. Carr begins missing school, and everyone learns he has AIDS. Jason's classmates say unkind things about Mr. Carr instead of remembering how much fun he was. Only Jason understands being different. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Glennis, Before and After RC 45345
by Patricia Calvert
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
When Glennis's father is sent to prison for committing savings-and-loan fraud,

her mother has a nervous breakdown, and Glennis and her brothers and sisters go to live with various friends and relatives. Glennis picks an aunt who lives near the prison, certain that she can help her father prove his innocence. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Chuck and Danielle RC 45364
by Peter Dickinson
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
Danielle is very protective of Chuck, her dog. She has to be because Chuck is afraid of almost everything: motorcycles, pigeons, a stuffed bear, even the sound of footsteps in the night. Occasionally Chuck does something helpful, although accidental, such as knocking down a pursesnatcher. Even though Chuck causes lots of problems, Danielle is very loyal. For grades 3-6. 1996.

The Last Man's Reward RC 45391
by David Patneaude
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
A valuable baseball card turns up in a garage sale. Albert and his four friends agree it will belong to the last one still living in their apartment complex. Albert later decides that the proceeds from the card would benefit his teacher, whose wife has cancer. But retrieving it from the hiding place proves very risky. For grades 5-8. 1996.

The Golden Aquarians RC 45392
by Monica Hughes
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
In the year 2092, thirteen-year-old Walt Elliot leaves Earth to join his father on the planet Aqua. There, Colonel Angus Elliot transforms the planet into a place Earth colonists can live. Walt then discovers amphibian lifeforms that warn of an imminent ecological catastrophe, but Colonel Elliot believes there isn't any danger. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Patrick's Tree House RC 45395
by Steven Kroll
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
As nine-year-old Patrick arrives for his annual August visit with his grandparents, Granddad surprises him with a tree house. At first dismayed that two tough boys take over his tree house, Patrick eventually finds a way to befriend the troubled trespassers. For grades 2-4. 1994.

Becoming Felix RC 45397
by Nancy Hope Wilson
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old JJ combines a love for his family's dairy farm with a passion for playing the clarinet. When JJ neglects his music to shoulder additional farm chores after his mom injures herself, his friendship with fellow musician Steven begins to fray. For grades 5-7. 1996.

Caleb's Choice RC 45400
by G. Clifton Wisler
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
When his family falls on hard times in 1858, young Caleb Dulaney is sent to live and work at his grandmother's Texas inn. Caleb discovers that his new guardian is helping slaves escape into free Kansas, and he is forced into a difficult choice between right and wrong. For grades 4-8. 1996.

Mysterious Tales of Japan RC 45407
by Rafe Martin
read by Robert Sams
1 cassette
A collection of ten Japanese folktales. The introduction explains that the beauty of the natural world is important in many of these tales and that acts of kindness are often repaid in unusual ways. Includes story notes. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Children of Summer: Henri Fabre's Insects RC 45413
by Margaret J. Anderson
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
A fictionalized account of the research of nineteenth-century entomologist Jean Henri Fabre. Fabre's ten-year-old son tells of his father's extensive studies on insect behavior. He describes the novel experiments and fascinating discoveries about beetles, wasps, moths, and other tiny creatures. For grades 5-8. 1997.

The Shimmershine Queens RC 45416
by Camille Yarbrough
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
Growing up in the city is hard for Angie. Her father has left home, and the kids at school tease her about her hair and coloring. When ninety-year-old Cousin Seatta visits from Alabama, Angie learns of her heritage and to think proudly of herself, to "shimmershine." For grades 5-8. 1988.

White Lilacs RC 45542
by Carolyn Meyer
read by Saidah Arrika Ekulona
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old Rosa Lee Jefferson of Dillon, Texas, loves the "Garden of Eden" her grandfather has created with flowers around their home in the Freedomtown community. But in 1921, the white people of Dillon want to build a park in that part of town, and that means Rosa Lee's family and their entire community will be forced to move. For grades 5-8. 1993.

Over Sea, under Stone RC 45567
by Susan Cooper
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes (Reissue)
The three Drew children find a crumbling old map that may lead to an ancient treasure linked with King Arthur and possessing strength more powerful than life itself. Prequel to *The Dark Is Rising (RC 8054)*. For grades 6-9. 1965.

Outrageously Alice RC 45568
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
Now in eighth grade, Alice, of *Alice the Brave (RC 44063)*, laments being incredibly boring. As she tries joining clubs, changing her look, and trying to fit in as a bridesmaid for her brother's ex-girlfriend, Alice continues to hope that her widowed father will marry. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Purely Rosie Pearl RC 45580
by Patricia A. Cochrane
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
In 1936, Rosie Pearl, twelve, and her family have been migrant workers since the Great Depression forced them to sell the family farm. Her new friendship with Maggie, who at first seems "too snooty to be a picker," helps Rosie Pearl through a summer of tough times. For grades 5-8. 1996.

The Maestro RC 45582
by Tim Wynne-Jones
read by Randy Davidson
2 cassettes
Fed up with his brutal, philandering father, fourteen-year-old Burl Crow takes off into the Canadian wilderness. He stumbles upon the cabin of an odd but inspiring pianist, Nathaniel Orlando Gow. Gow returns to the city the following day, allowing Burl to stay on in the cabin. A month later Burl learns that Gow is dead. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Music of Dolphins RC 45591
by Karen Hesse
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
An adolescent girl is captured by the Coast Guard, separating her from the dolphin family that raised her. Believing they rescued her, doctors name her Mila, for "miracle," and try to teach her human skills. But Mila misses her dolphin family and longs for her home in the warm sea. She questions the wisdom of the doctors and whose life is better. For grades 5-8. 1996.

The Secret of the Desert Stone: The Cooper Kids Adventure, Book 5 RC 45592
by Frank E. Peretti
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Dr. Jacob Cooper and his teenage children, Jay and Lila, are in Africa to identify a man-made stone that is more than two miles high and about four miles long. It appeared overnight and divides two warring nations. But when the Coopers begin studying the stone, they find themselves in great danger. Sequel to *Trapped at the Bottom of the Sea (RC 41017)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Pearls of Lutra RC 45599
by Brian Jacques
read by David Palmer
3 cassettes
Redwall Abbey has a hidden treasure of six large, pink pearls. Tansy, the hedgehog maid, is determined to find them but so is Emperor Ublaz, who had stolen them years before from the otters of Holt Lutra. Meanwhile, Martin the Warrior attempts to rescue the kidnapped Abbott Durral. Companion to *Redwall (RC 29729)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Brooklyn Doesn't Rhyme RC 45615
by Joan W. Blos
read by Mary Ann Nichols
1 cassette
Rosey Sachs is a first-generation American in the early 1900s. She and her sixth-grade class have to write stories about their families, intended to strengthen their pride and respect for one another. This collection of Rosey's stories tells about her family and friends in a diverse Brooklyn neighborhood. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Passager: The Young Merlin Trilogy, Book 1 RC 45620
by Jane Yolen
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
A young boy is abandoned in the woods in medieval England. He lives like the wild animals, sleeping in trees and searching for food. After a year alone, the boy encounters a falconer who tames him, reclaims him as a human, and restores his given name, Merlin. Prequel to *Hobby (RC 45637)*. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Family Tree RC 45622
by Katherine Ayres
read by Ilona Dulaski
1 cassette
When sixth-grader Tyler Stoudt gets an assignment to create a family tree, her heart sinks. Her widowed father won't talk about his own family or her mother's, so Tyler has no idea who her relatives are. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Life Magic RC 45626
by Melrose Cooper
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
Sixth grade is a year of change for Crystal, the middle child in a loving African American family. After the embarrassment of being in remedial reading class and the pain of Uncle Joe's death from AIDS, Crystal finds a talent that makes her special. For grades 4-7. 1996.

The Wrecker RC 45635
by David Skinner
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Bent on vengeance against a schoolyard bully, seventh-graders Theo and Michael join forces to fashion a "wrecker" that will destroy their tormentor. When the two deploy their bizarre device, the unexpected results change the lives of all three boys. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Hobby: The Young Merlin Trilogy, Book 2 RC 45637
by Jane Yolen
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
After four peaceful years with Master Robin's family, Merlin, now twelve, must rely again on his own resources. When he awakes to the horror of a burning farmhouse, Merlin realizes that his dreams foretell the future. He takes to the road, changes his name for protection, and begins his adventures. Sequel to *Passager (RC 45620)*. Some violence. For grades 3-6. 1996.

I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl RC 45643
by Joyce Hansen
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
Mars Bluff, South Carolina, 1865. As a joke, the plantation owner's niece gives Patsy a little book in which to write her "beautiful thoughts." But to Patsy it is a wonderful gift, for she has learned to read and write while tending the children of the house. Over the next year, Patsy begins to share her knowledge with other slaves as they adjust to their freedom. For grades 4-7. 1997.

A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl RC 45648
by Patricia C. McKissack
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
Belmont Plantation, Virginia. In March 1859, twelve-year-old Clotee begins her "third learnin' season." As a slave, Clotee is not allowed to learn to read and write, but she picks up knowledge while fanning Master William and his mother during his lessons. Over the year, Clotee learns many things, including the meaning of freedom. An epilogue covers the rest of Clotee's life until her death in 1941. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Merlin: The Young Merlin Trilogy, Book 3 RC 45651
by Jane Yolen
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Compelled to take refuge in the woods,

Merlin encounters the wild folk—outcasts from medieval society. But his prophetic dreams make him suspect and only a young blond-haired boy—the future King Arthur—befriends him. Sequel to *Hobby (RC 45637)*. Some violence. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Lily's Crossing RC 45659
by Patricia Reilly Giff
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
In the summer of 1944, Lily goes to Rockaway Beach, New York, with her grandmother. There Lily meets Albert, a young Hungarian refugee orphan who fled from the Nazis. When Lily tells lies to impress Albert, there are unexpected consequences. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Mythical Birds and Beasts from Many Lands RC 45702
retold by Margaret Mayo
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
A collection of ten folktales gathered from around the world. Each story centers on an imaginary creature including Pegasus, a mermaid, a unicorn, the thunderbird, a dragon, a sea serpent, the feathered snake, the Minotaur, naga, and the phoenix. Contains source notes. For grades 3-6. 1996.

The Deadly Curse of Toco-Rey: The Cooper Kids Adventure, Book 6 RC 45724
by Frank E. Peretti
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
Dr. Jacob Cooper, founder of the Cooper Institute for Biblical Archaeology, and his teenagers, Lila and Jay, are in Central America assisting in the search for the treasures of the city of Toco-Rey. Others have died in the quest, and when Lila becomes ill and irrational, it seems she may die also. Sequel to *The Secret of the Desert Stone (RC 45592)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

How I Survived My Summer Vacation RC 45727
by Bruce Coville
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
When Stuart Glassman, eleven, sees an ad for Camp Haunted Hills, he begs his parents to let him go. But when the time arrives, Stuart begins to reconsider his decision. Stuart is even more disturbed after he arrives and meets Robert Campbell, a counselor from 1941, who just happens to walk through things. For grades 3-6. 1988.

Tornado RC 45736
by Betsy Byars
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Seeking shelter from an approaching tornado, a farm family retreats to the storm cellar. To distract the children from the danger outside, farmhand Pete regales the group with tales from his boyhood about a marvelous dog named Tornado, who could do card tricks and more. For grades 2-4. 1996.

A Completely Different Place RC 45773
by Perry Nodelman
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
In this sequel to *The Same Place but Different (RC 45414)*, Johnny Nesbit thinks his strange adventures are over. Then he wakes up in a dollhouse staring at the face of a classmate who recently disappeared, and the mystery deepens. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1997.

Wringer RC 45801
by Jerry Spinelli
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Palmer LaRue dreads turning ten, the age at which boys become wringers—those who break the necks of wounded birds at the town's annual pigeon shoot. A pigeon appears at Palmer's window and becomes his pet, a fact that the boy conceals until the day of the shoot, when he faces a tough moral decision. For grades 4-7. 1997.

A Part of the Sky RC 45820
by Robert Newton Peck
read by Nick Sullivan
1 cassette
In this depression-era sequel to *A Day No Pigs Would Die (RC 37104)*, thirteen-year-old Rob Peck assumes responsibility for the family farm after his father's death. Although the mortgage is only twelve dollars a month, the Pecks cannot afford to pay it or their taxes. School has to wait while Rob finds work. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1994.

Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur! RC 45822
by Syd Hoff
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Danny is six years old today, and he is in a hurry to see his friend the dinosaur. He wants to invite him to his birthday party. When he finds his friend, Danny learns that the dinosaur just had a birthday himself the day before—he was one hundred million years old. For preschool-grade 2. 1995.

The Winner's Circle: Golden Filly Series, Book 10 RC 45825
by Lauraine Snelling
read by Robin Miles
1 cassette
Seventeen-year-old prize-winning jockey Trish Evanston must heal her own injuries and those of her horse, Firefly, after an accident at the track. But her recovery and her plans to concentrate on her final year at high school are overshadowed by a stalker's repeated threats. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Julie's Wolf Pack RC 45826
by Jean Craighead George
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
This sequel to *Julie (RC 40306)* chronicles six years of the wolf pack family led by Kapu. The Eskimos call these wolves "Julie's wolf pack" because of the past connection between Julie and the wolves. Now on their own, the members of the pack face famine and disease. When Kapu is captured for a scientific experiment, Julie intervenes on his behalf. For grades 5-8. 1997.

A Blessing in Disguise RC 45827
by Eleanora E. Tate
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
In this companion volume to *The Secret of Gumbo Grove (RC 27484)* and *Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr! (RC 37841)*, twelve-year-old Zambia Brown is torn between family members. Raised by her strict aunt and uncle from age four, Zambia envies the lifestyle of her father and her older half-sisters. She refuses to listen to the realities of her father's drug business until a tragedy occurs. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Thief of Hearts RC 45839
by Laurence Yep
read by Catherine Byers
1 cassette
Chinese American Casey, from *Child of the Owl (RC 11545)*, is now married to a white man. Their daughter Stacy's high school life is disrupted by the arrival of Hong Ch'un from China. The friction between the two girls is immediate, but when Hong Ch'un is accused of stealing from Stacy's friends, Stacy defends her. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Angela's Aliens: Investigators of the Unknown, Book 4 RC 45840
by Janet Taylor Lisle
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
Tired of hanging around with tiny Poco, Georgina eagerly awaits their friend Angela's return from her year in Mexico. But the Angela who comes back looks and acts like a different person and doesn't return Georgina's calls. Could it have anything to do with the spaceship sightings near town? Sequel to *A Message from the Match Girl (RC 45841)*. For grades 3-6. 1996.

A Message from the Match Girl: Investigators of the Unknown, Book 3 RC 45841
by Janet Taylor Lisle
read by Nona Pipes
1 cassette
Walter Kew doesn't know who his mother is, but he believes he is hearing her voice. It calls him to the statue of the Little Match Girl in a nearby park. Walter's friends, Georgina and Poco, are worried about him and try to help him interpret the mysterious appearance of several items near the statue. Sequel to *Looking for Juliette (RC 38849)*. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Eight Cousins; or, The Aunt Hill RC 45947
by Louisa May Alcott
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Written in 1875. Rose Campbell is orphaned and sent to live with her six aunts and seven boy cousins on Aunt Hill. Rose is not accustomed to the commotion of a large household, but with the help of her guardian, Uncle Alec, she learns to adjust. Prequel to *Rose in Bloom (RC 45948)*. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Rose in Bloom RC 45948
by Louisa May Alcott
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Written in 1876, this sequel to *Eight Cousins (RC 45947)* finds Rose Campbell a young lady, just returning from a trip around the world. Rose is determined to be an independent woman, but her inheritance attracts many suitors. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Monster Blood IV: Goosebumps RC 46011
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Evan Ross knows about Monster Blood firsthand. He had swallowed a small bit and turned into a giant taller than his house. But now there seems to be a new kind of Monster Blood. This one is blue, it is cold and wet, and it is multiplying very fast. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

La Casa de los Espíritus RC 43972
por Isabel Allende
leído por Maria Pino
4 cassettes
La primera novela de la autora chilena narra la unión de la dulce y clarividente Clara del Valle con el autócrata y violento Esteban Trueba, patrón de una vasta hacienda cuyos campesinos él controla con tiranía. A través de tres generaciones de caracteres retratados con viveza, surge una imagen intensa, compasiva, de un país anónimo pero identificable. Lenguaje injurioso y algunas descripciones de índole sexual. (First novel of the Chilean author concerns the union of gentle, clairvoyant Clara del Valle and autocratic, violent Esteban Trueba, patron of a huge hacienda whose peasants he controls with tyranny. Through three generations of vividly portrayed characters, a strong, compassionate picture of an unnamed but identifiable country emerges. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.) 1982.

***La Voz a Tí Debida y Razón de Amor* RC 43974**
por Pedro Salinas
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
Los poemas de amor más conocidos del famoso poeta español hablan del placer, la pena y la paradoja del amor erótico. Incluye una introducción crítica y biográfica por Joaquín González Muela. (The best-known love poems of the famous Spanish poet tell of the pleasure, pain, and paradox of erotic love. Includes a critical and biographical introduction by Joaquín González Muela.) 1989.

¡GOOOOL! RC 43975
por Andrés Cantor
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
El reconocido relator de fútbol presenta una historia de la Copa Mundial desde los principios de los juegos internacionales en 1930 hasta el año 1994 cuando por primera vez se jugó la Copa del Mundo en Estados Unidos. Así, destaca la creciente popularidad de este deporte en Estados Unidos. (The well-known soccer announcer presents a history of the World Cup soccer championships from the beginnings of international competition in 1930 up to the 1994 tournament held in the United States. He pays particular attention to the growing popularity of the sport in this country.) 1996.

¡Cúrese Naturalmente! RC 43976
por Maritza Barton
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
Presenta una guía de las curas naturales para setenta y siete dolencias comunes desde acné y artritis hasta úlceras y venas varicosas. La autora recomienda remedios que combinan dietas sanas y el consumo de vitaminas y suplementos naturales. Incluye datos sobre las fuentes naturales de vitaminas y minerales y sobre los valores medicinales de frutas, vegetales y hierbas. (Guide to natural cures for seventy-seven common illnesses and afflictions ranging from acne and arthritis to ulcers and varicose veins. Proposes natural remedies based on diet, vitamin intake, and natural sup-

plements. Includes information on natural sources of vitamins and minerals and on the medicinal values of fruits, vegetables, and herbs.) 1991.

Controle Su Diabetes: Guía para el Cuidado de Su Salud RC 43977
por Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de los Estados Unidos
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
Guía para personas que llegan por primera vez en edad adulta a padecer de la diabetes. Apunta cómo evitar las complicaciones médiças describiendo los posibles problemas y cómo evitarlos. Da enfasís a la necesidad de cooperar con profesionales de salud para controlar el nivel de glucosa en la sangre. (A guide for people with adult-onset diabetes to help prevent complications. Describes potential problems and how to avoid them. Stresses the need to work with a health-care team to control the blood glucose level.) 1997.

Exito Latino: Secretos de 100 Profesionales Latinos de Más Poder en Estados Unidos RC 43978
por Augusto Failde y William Doyle
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
Los cien profesionales latinos y latinas de más éxito en Estados Unidos comparten sus ideas, filosofías personales y experiencias para alcanzar niveles altos de éxito y de poder. (One hundred highly successful Latino businessmen and businesswomen in the United States share their ideas, personal philosophies, and experiences in achieving success and positions of power.) 1996.

Diecisiete Narradoras Latinoamericanas RC 43980
por Ediciones Huracán, Inc.
leído por Maria Pino
1 cassette
Diecisiete cuentos de autoras latinoamericanas incluyendo a Claribel Alegría, Rosario Ferre, Isable Allende, Viviana Mellet, Carmen Naranjo, Cristina Peri Rossi, Elena Poniatowska, y Milagros Socorro. Incluye notas biográficas y comentarios. (Seventeen short stories by contemporary Latin American women authors including Claribel Alegria, Rosario Ferre, Isabel Allende, Viviana Mellet, Carmen Naranjo, Cristina Peri Rossi, Elena Poniatowska, and Milagros Socorro. Includes biographical notes and commentaries.) 1996.

Bahía de Cochinos RC 43981
por Luis González-Lalondry
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
El autor cubano-americano narra la historia de la invasión de Bahía de Cochinos en que lucharon contra del régimen de Castro para la liberación de Cuba en 1961. González relata su propia participación en la lucha desde las preparaciones y embarcaciones hasta el derrocamiento y encarcelamiento en Cuba. Sobre todo, critica el papel del gobierno de los Estados Unidos que en el principio apoyó la invasión, solo para abandonarla más tarde por razones políticas. (González-Lalondry describes his participation in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion that attempted to free Cuba from Castro's communist regime in 1961. He recounts the troops' preparation, embarkation, and defeat, and his imprisonment in Cuba. He is especially

critical of the U.S. government for encouraging the action, only to abandon it later for political reasons.) 1995.

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In Brief

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Cassettes Nonfiction

The Collapse of the Third Republic: An Inquiry into the Fall of France in 1940 RC 43410
by William L. Shirer
read by Peter Gil
9 cassettes in 2 containers
Recounts events that led to Hitler's victory over France in 1940. Traces the rise of the Third Republic from 1871 to its height as the "greatest power on the continent of Europe" in 1925. Chronicles the subsequent failed leadership and policies, corruption, and public cynicism that sapped the French nation during its decline. 1969.

Damned to Fame: The Life of Samuel Beckett RC 44278
by James Knowlson
read by Laura Giannarelli
8 cassettes
An authorized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Irish playwright. Traces his childhood in Dublin, his service with the French Resistance in World War II, and the staging of his initial literary success, *Waiting for Godot*, in 1953. Describes his years spent writing and directing his plays, and his late-life marriage. 1996.

Private Myths: Dreams and Dreaming RC 44287
by Anthony Stevens
read by Christopher Walker
3 cassettes
A psychiatrist explores dream theories that date from ancient times. Avers that dreams can illuminate waking lives and offer insights into the unconscious mind. Discusses dream language and syntax to help readers interpret their own dreams. 1995.

Pregnant Fathers: Entering Parenthood Together RC 44304
by Jack Heinowitz
read by Jeff Halberstadt
1 cassette
A guidebook for expectant fathers on their journey to fatherhood. Urges men to go beyond the traditional role of family protector and provider in an effort to achieve deeper emotional relationships with their wives and children. 1995.

Fodor's 97 Great Britain RC 44509
by Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc.
read by Christopher Hurt
7 cassettes
Tips on dining, shopping, sightseeing, accommodations, and recreational ac-

tivities in Great Britain. Specific chapters highlight London, the Channel Islands, the Thames Valley, the heart of England, Lancashire and the Peaks, Yorkshire, East Anglia, Wales, Scotland, the South, the Southwest, the Southeast, and the Northeast. 1996.

The Ashes of Waco: An Investigation RC 44696
by Dick J. Reavis
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
An examination of a fifty-one-day standoff between members of the Branch Davidian religious community and federal law enforcement officials in Texas in 1993, and events that led up to the crisis. The author argues for increased social tolerance of religious movements and a decreased role for the media in shaping public perceptions of them. 1995.

Great American Vacations for Travelers with Disabilities RC 44697
by Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc.
read by Rick Rohan
9 cassettes
This handbook for travelers with physical handicaps includes accessibility information in three categories—mobility, hearing, and vision—as well as names and addresses of specialized services and facilities. Destinations include major U.S. cities, numerous national parks, Pennsylvania Dutch country, and Walt Disney World. 1996.

A Slender Thread RC 44800
by Diane Ackerman
read by Kimberly Schraf
3 cassettes
The author recounts experiences as a telephone counselor in a suicide prevention center. Offers insights into the plight of callers who are variously lonely, alienated, angry, and abused. Draws concepts and images from nature, science, history, and literature to depict the complex world of the crisis center. Strong language. 1997.

The Royals RC 44844
by Kitty Kelley
read by Anne Flosnik
4 cassettes
This unauthorized biography covers the lives of the members of England's House of Windsor from 1917, when the family name was changed to conceal its German roots, to the 1990s and the divorce of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. Kelley interviewed past and present Crown employees, royal friends and relatives, and members of Parliament. Bestseller 1997.

The *Wall Street Journal* Lifetime Guide to Money: Everything You Need to Know about Managing Your Finances—for Every Stage of Life RC 44968
edited by C. Frederic Wiegold
read by Peter McClymer
5 cassettes
A layperson's guide to planning personal finances. Explains basic concepts of saving and investing, insurance, credit, taxes, estate planning, and money management. Tells people in various age groups and circumstances how to avoid mistakes and to make the best of opportunities. 1997.

Man to Man: Surviving Prostate Cancer RC 44971
by Michael Korda
read by Dan Bloom
2 cassettes
A frank, personal account of one man's encounter with prostate cancer. Chronicles his ordeal from the day of diag-

nosis: his decision on a course of treatment, surgery, recuperation, recovery, and the experience of dealing with impotence and incontinence as aftereffects. 1996.

Fruitful: A Real Mother in the Modern World RC 44991
by Anne Roiphe
read by Celeste Lawson
2 cassettes
Offers her personal experiences trying to blend the roles of mother and feminist in 1960s and 1970s America. Expresses her concern with women's continuing struggle to balance career and family and her disappointment with the feminist movement for deviating from its long-term goals. 1996.

A Stranger in the Family: A True Story of Murder, Madness, and Unconditional Love RC 44994
by Steven Naifeh and
Gregory White Smith
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Details what happened when family man Danny Starrett was arrested for kidnapping and rape. Explains why his parents were shocked in spite of his odd behavior, and provides entries from Starrett's journal that show how he hid the mental illness that had plagued him since childhood. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Horizontal Woman: The Story of a Body in Exile RC 44995
by Suzanne E. Berger
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
In twenty-eight autobiographical essays, a young wife and mother lyrically articulates her pain, frustration, and depression upon suddenly finding herself disabled. A lower-back injury forces her to live lying down for six years. Her limited mobility causes her to reexamine her relationships with family, friends, and everyday contacts. Some strong language. 1996.

Stanley Kubrick: A Biography RC 45030
by John Baxter
read by Faith Potts
4 cassettes
In-depth interviews with a wide variety of people provide information about this reclusive filmmaker. Baxter covers many aspects of Kubrick's life: his family origins, personal relationships, and career as director of movies such as *Spartacus*, *Lolita*, and *The Shining*. Bestseller 1997.

After the Madness: A Judge's Own Prison Memoir RC 45228
by Sol Wachtler
read by Ray Hagen
3 cassettes
A former chief judge in New York state chronicles his fifteen-month incarceration in a federal prison for harassment. He depicts the harsh realities of prison life, describes the plights of several fellow prisoners, and offers his views on the criminal justice system. 1997.

A People's Tragedy: A History of the Russian Revolution RC 45238
by Orlando Figes
read by Ken Kliban
8 cassettes
Explores the early-twentieth-century revolution in Russia that led to the removal of Czar Nicholas II and the rise to power of Lenin's Bolsheviks. The author places the blame for the failure of the coup d'etat to achieve its social aims

at the feet of both the government and the people. 1996.

An Uncommon Woman: The Empress Frederick, Daughter of Queen Victoria, Wife of the Crown Prince of Prussia, Mother of Kaiser Wilhelm RC 45248
by Hannah Pakula
read by Anne Hancock
6 cassettes
A portrait of Empress Frederick of Germany, eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Groomed by her liberal father in statecraft, the empress married the heir to the Prussian throne in an ill-fated attempt to introduce British liberalism into autocratic Germany. Her son, Kaiser Wilhelm II, led Germany in World War I. 1995.

Joy of Cooking RC 45254
by Irma S. Rombauer and others
read by Kerry Cundiff
19 cassettes in 4 containers
Ethan Becker updates his grandmother's cookbook (first published in 1931 and revised in 1953 by Becker's mother) to reflect the cooking and health concerns of the 1990s. He gives detailed descriptions of ingredients with nutritional information. Becker has expanded the recipe collection and emphasizes convenience and freshness. Bestseller 1997.

Ruth, a Portrait: The Story of Ruth Bell Graham RC 45355
by Patricia Cornwell
read by Ilona Dulaski
2 cassettes
Written by a popular crime novelist—a family friend—this account of the wife of evangelist Billy Graham begins with Ruth Bell's early life in China as a child of missionaries. Because she wanted to follow in her parents' footsteps, it took persuasion on Graham's part to convince her to marry him and become his helpmate. 1997.

Required Reading: Why Our American Classics Matter Now RC 45409
by Andrew Delbanco
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Collection of literary essays celebrating eleven American writers from the Civil War to the pre-World War II era: Herman Melville, Henry David Thoreau, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Abraham Lincoln, Henry Adams, Stephen Crane, Kate Chopin, Theodore Dreiser, Edith Wharton, Richard Wright, and Zora Neale Hurston. Urges renewed appreciation of their literary merit. 1997.

Wise Women: Over Two Thousand Years of Spiritual Writing by Women RC 45412
edited by Susan Cahill
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
This anthology presents spiritual, but not necessarily religious, writings of women from ancient to modern times. Each entry includes a biographical sketch of the author and the time in which she lived. Among the selections are works by Joan of Arc, Anne Bradstreet, Emily Dickinson, and Eleanor Roosevelt. 1996.

Unfinished Journey: Twenty Years Later RC 45463
by Yehudi Menuhin
read by Jake Williams
4 cassettes
Originally published in 1976, this revised edition adds four new chapters, extending the author's memoir to age eighty. A world-renowned violinist, Menuhin offers his views on a wide range of topics, revealing his lifelong

interest in musical and humanitarian pursuits. 1996.

Appetite for Life: The Biography of Julia Child RC 45475
by Noël Riley Fitch
read by Jill Ferris
5 cassettes
Portrait of the famed and colorful chef de cuisine who popularized French cooking in America. Traces her California youth, her wartime service in China, her culinary training in Paris, and her writings and television shows, which introduced many Americans to her ideas about good food. 1997.

Simon Wiesenthal: A Life in Search of Justice RC 45487
by Hella Pick
read by Jake Williams
3 cassettes
This account describes how Wiesenthal survived World War II concentration camps and then devoted his life to bringing Nazi war criminals to justice. Details his work on the Eichmann case and many others. Since 1945 Wiesenthal has lived in Austria and focused on its denazification. 1996.

Lost and Found: The 9,000 Treasures of Troy; Heinrich Schliemann and the Gold That Got Away RC 45496
by Caroline Moorehead
read by Kristin Allison
3 cassettes
Portrays the life of self-made archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann, who in 1873 discovered the ruins of ancient Troy and the golden treasure of King Priam. Recounts the finding and excavation of the ancient gold, its transfer to Germany, and its seizure after World War II by Russians. 1994.

The Art of Cooking for the Diabetic RC 45565
by Mary Abbott Hess
read by Patricia McDermott
4 cassettes
Revised edition containing information on diabetes and its management, based on 1994 recommendations of the American Diabetes Association. Includes advice on exercise, alcohol, dining out, and eating while traveling; recipes for soups, breads, meats, poultry, seafood, eggs, cheese, yogurt, pastas, and desserts. 1996.

Pickford: The Woman Who Made Hollywood RC 45600
by Eileen Whitfield
read by Terry Hayes Sales
4 cassettes
A portrait of "America's Sweetheart," the winsome star of the silent screen who played a central role in popularizing motion pictures. Traces Mary's troubled childhood, her youth as a stage actor, her meteoric career in Hollywood, her family life, and her later years as a recluse. 1997.

Wyatt Earp: The Life behind the Legend RC 45609
by Casey Tefertiller
read by Randy Atcher
4 cassettes
A balanced portrait of a renowned frontier lawman, whose exploits helped form the modern image of the Old West. Traces his career as a prospector, gambler, and marshal of Tombstone, Arizona, where he became a legend in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral. 1997.

Burning the Days: Recollection
RC 45621
by James Salter
read by Lewis Grenville
3 cassettes
A New York writer savors his recollections of things most important to him: flying, beautiful women, France, and writing. Salter's first career, in the military, began at West Point in 1942. His experiences as an Air Force pilot in the Korean War would later become the subject of his novels when he began his writing career in 1956. 1997.

Irons in the Fire RC 45625
by John McPhee
read by Ted Stoddard
2 cassettes
Seven essays on subjects as diverse as cattle rustling, forensic geology, and the world's largest pile of scrap tires. The title story describes the active and dangerous life of a Nevada cattle-brand inspector as he tracks down rustlers and brings them to justice. 1997.

Ladyfingers and Nun's Tummies: A Lighthearted Look at How Foods Got Their Names RC 45628
by Martha Barnette
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
The author offers an explanation of how many of the foods we eat came by their names. She describes the linguistic mistakes that gave us "peas" and "cherries," how creations at Delmonico's became known as lobster Newberg and chicken à la king, and how the name "lasagna" is related to "chamber pot." 1997.

Tragic Years, 1860–1865: A Documentary History of the American Civil War
RC 45638
by Paul M. Angle and
Earl Schenck Miers
read by Robert Sams
9 cassettes
Using primary sources including diaries, letters, speeches, and written recordings of conversation, two historians have compiled a record of the Civil War. The war caused social upheaval that tore the country apart as evidenced in documents from the general population as well as those from famous statesmen and military commanders. 1960.

SOG: The Secret Wars of America's Commandos in Vietnam RC 45641
by John L. Plaster
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes
Recounts covert operations by American special forces code-named the Studies and Operations Group in the Vietnam War. The SOG rescued downed pilots, sabotaged targeted installations, and sapped enemy troop strength. The author depicts the valor and sacrifices of these secret warriors. Violence. 1997.

Miriam's Kitchen: A Memoir RC 45642
by Elizabeth Ehrlich
read by Mary Kane
3 cassettes
Ehrlich recounts her experience recovering her spiritual and cultural roots in the company of Miriam, a Holocaust survivor and Ehrlich's future mother-in-law. As the two worked together preparing traditional Jewish recipes, they discussed many of the customs and celebrations associated with various foods. Several recipes are included. 1997.

Kafka, Love and Courage: The Life of Milena Jesenská RC 45650
by Mary Hockaday
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Explores the life of Franz Kafka's translator and love interest. In the 1920s, Jesenská, a Czech, lived with her husband in Vienna. She wrote to Kafka and began to translate his stories from German into Czech. Their letters led to an emotional and intellectual intimacy. Jesenská outlived Kafka by some twenty years to see the rise of Nazism. 1995.

John Quincy Adams: A Public Life, a Private Life RC 45653
by Paul C. Nagel
read by Rick Rohan
4 cassettes
Based on Adams's diary and correspondence, this biography depicts his family life as well as his political career. Covers his negotiation of the Monroe Doctrine, his successful defense of the *Amistad* antislavery case before the Supreme Court, and his term as the sixth U.S. president. 1997.

Jackie Robinson: A Biography RC 45654
by Arnold Rampersad
read by Bob Moore
5 cassettes
A portrait of the famed athlete who was the first African American to play major league baseball. Traces his California youth and college days, his military years, his stellar baseball career, his family life, his business ventures, and his role in advancing civil rights. 1997.

Swimming Lessons: New and Selected Poems RC 45693
by Nancy Willard
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Poetry about nature, life, and spirituality. In the title poem, a grown daughter attends the sickbed of her parent. She tenderly reflects on the patience and love that the parent had shown years earlier while teaching her to swim. 1996.

The New Oxford Book of Children's Verse RC 45712
edited by Neil Philip
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
An anthology of some 350 children's poems by more than 200 English-language poets arranged in chronological order from the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries. For adults to share with children. 1996.

Worlds Unnumbered: The Search for Extrasolar Planets RC 45731
by Donald Goldsmith
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
The author describes the search for extrasolar planets and the discovery, in the mid-1990s, of seven planets circling suns other than our own. Details the methods used, the significance of these discoveries for understanding the universe, and the prospects for future findings. 1997.

I Don't Want to Talk about It: Overcoming the Secret Legacy of Male Depression RC 45734
by Terrence Real
read by Randy Davidson
3 cassettes
A psychotherapist analyzes male depression, a disorder he describes as epi-

demic, covert, and largely untreated. Argues that American boys are socialized to seek esteem through competition, while they are discouraged from expressing feelings or empathizing with others. Describes destructive behaviors that may result. Strong language. 1997.

God and the American Writer
RC 45741
by Alfred Kazin
read by John Richardson
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Explores the theme of spirituality in American literature. Examines the expression of this theme in various works by Hawthorne, Melville, Whitman, Faulkner, and other authors. Evaluates "the imagination [each] brings to his tale of religion in human affairs." 1997.

The Small Business Start-up Guide
RC 45744
by Robert Sullivan
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2 cassettes
A practical handbook for prospective small-business owners. Guides the reader in assessing his or her entrepreneurial abilities, picking the "right" business, planning, marketing, hiring employees, using available technology, and handling other management responsibilities. 1998.

Downsized but Not Defeated: The Family Guide to Living on Less RC 45748
by Hope Stanley Quinn and Lyn Miller-Lachmann
read by Patricia McDermott
2 cassettes
A survival manual for casualties of corporate downsizing or other setbacks that cause financial hardship. Advises how to take stock of one's situation and offers strategies for saving money on food, housing, transportation, insurance, education, and other essentials. 1997.

Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation
RC 45750
by Ken Gormley
read by John Richardson
5 cassettes
A portrait of the Watergate special prosecutor, who in 1973 was fired from that post by President Richard Nixon—an action that incited the infamous Saturday Night Massacre and doomed the Nixon administration. Traces Cox's New England youth, his Harvard years, and his remarkable careers in law and public service. 1997.

Dinosaur Lives: Unearthing an Evolutionary Saga RC 45755
by John R. Horner and Edwin Dobb
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
Companion to *Digging Dinosaurs (RC 30308)*. A paleontologist explores how these creatures evolved, lived, and adapted to the environment. Draws upon extensive fieldwork to depict the dinosaur's pattern of living and survival methods. Ventures theories on key controversies, such as what caused its extinction. 1997.

Release 2.0: A Design for Living in the Digital Age RC 45757
by Esther Dyson
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Explores the richness and potential of the modern digital environment and presents a framework for establishing "rights and rules of cyberspace." Predicts that the Internet will transform social institutions but will also continue to

stir debate about such thorny issues as privacy, security, and free speech. 1997.

***The Blue Caterpillar* and Other Essays**
RC 45758
by Sam Pickering
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
In these eleven essays, the author sifts through an accumulation of daily events, selecting insights and anecdotes about various seasons, places, and people. Long walks provide fodder for his writing, and he finds meaning in the examination of all that he encounters. 1997.

The Number Sense: How the Mind Creates Mathematics RC 45759
by Stanislas Dehaene
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
The author explains how the structure of the human brain shapes mathematical abilities. Describes psychological studies of the way people understand and manipulate numbers. Reports on experiments involving animals and babies, as well as those who have suffered brain injuries. 1997.

D.W. Griffith: An American Life
RC 45761
by Richard Schickel
read by Lou Harpenau
6 cassettes
A portrait of the legendary silent film director, whose pioneering efforts set the stage for the modern movie industry. Traces his childhood on a poor Southern farm, his 1908 entry into films, his meteoric rise to the top of his profession, and his failures and disappointments later in life. 1984.

Dave Barry in Cyberspace RC 45770
by Dave Barry
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
Syndicated humor columnist Dave Barry writes about the joys and frustrations of owning and operating a personal computer. Travel with Barry to the world of Windows and the World Wide Web, including a chapter on "Becoming Computer Literate; or, Words for Nerds." 1996.

Eight American Poets: Theodore Roethke, Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Lowell, John Berryman, Anne Sexton, Sylvia Plath, Allen Ginsberg, James Merrill; an Anthology RC 45780
edited by Joel Conarroe
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
Selected works by eight diverse postmodern poets. Presents a profile of each author and describes social and literary ties among them. Conarroe traces a pattern, mental disturbances as well as creative genius, that he believes these artists share to varying degrees. 1994.

Plays: *Intrigue and Love* and *Don Carlos*
RC 45781
by Friedrich Schiller
read by Lewis Grenville
3 cassettes
Two late-eighteenth-century dramas by a German poet, philosopher, and historian. *Intrigue and Love* is an early work (1783) of class conflict and social protest. *Don Carlos* (1787) is a tragedy reflecting the dramatist's love for a married woman. In these dramas, Schiller voices his opposition to tyranny and appeals for more idealistic goals and humanitarian ways. 1787.

Escape from Sobibor RC 45795
by Richard Rashke
read by Steven Carpenter
3 cassettes
An account of the 1943 prisoner breakout at Sobibor, a Nazi death camp in eastern Poland. Drawing mainly from recollections of survivors, the author describes the grim conditions in the camp, the inmates' revolt, and their escape—the largest of its kind during World War II. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Leon's Story RC 45810
by Leon Walter Tillage
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
An autobiographical account of an African American sharecropper's son growing up in rural North Carolina during the 1940s and 1950s. Tillage recalls the racial cruelties he experienced—the worst was seeing his father run down by a white youth. Finally he tells how the freedom marches affirmed his identity. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

The Fugu Plan: The Untold Story of the Japanese and the Jews during World War II RC 45813
by Marvin Tokayer and Mary Swartz
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
A historical account of the fugu plan—a Japanese effort in the 1930s to recruit the financial capital and technical skills of European Jewry for its expanding empire. Describes the plan's inherent flaws and recounts its progression up to the alliance of Japan and Nazi Germany in 1940. 1979.

Endgame: The Betrayal and Fall of Srebrenica, Europe's Worst Massacre since World War II RC 45818
by David Rohde
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
Rohde examines the days leading up to the 1995 massacre of more than seven thousand Muslims after Srebrenica, Bosnia, fell to the Serbs while under U.N. protection. In addition to his own eyewitness account, he provides the stories of seven other people—Muslim residents, Serb soldiers, and Dutch peacekeepers. Violence and some strong language. 1997.

Walking in the Shade: Volume Two of My Autobiography, 1949–1962 RC 45834
by Doris Lessing
read by Lisette Lecat
4 cassettes
Lessing starts this memoir with her arrival in London accompanied by her young son and a book manuscript. Although she includes details about being a single mother with a career, she emphasizes the intellectual climate of the 1950s when she joined the Communist Party. Sequel to *Under My Skin (RC 41062)*. 1997.

My Name Escapes Me: The Diary of a Retiring Actor RC 45867
by Alec Guinness
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
Entries from a journal the knighted actor kept from January of 1995 to June of 1996. In his early eighties, Guinness wittily details his and his wife's retirement lifestyle: socializing with friends and colleagues, attending the theater, and coping with the deaths of friends. 1996.

Tessie and Pearlie: A Granddaughter's Story RC 45874
by Joy Horowitz
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Portraits of the author's two ninety-three-year-old grandmothers, "the strongest women I know." Depicts their immigrant origins, their struggles through hard times, their rich and often troubled family histories, their traditional values and ideas, and their continued active lives. 1996.

Clone: The Road to Dolly and the Path Ahead RC 45886
by Gina Kolata
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
A scientist discusses technological and ethical implications of cloning—the production of a living creature from genetic material. She describes the 1996 birth of a sheep named Dolly—allegedly the first cloned creature—as the beginning of a new scientific era, in which the question immediately arises, "should humans be cloned?" 1998.

Working Fathers: New Strategies for Balancing Work and Family RC 45888
by James A. Levine and
Todd L. Pittinsky
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
Levine and Pittinsky cite research on the role fathers play in family life. Arguing that "good dads make good workers," they suggest ways that male employees and their corporate employers can enhance men's personal lives while increasing workplace productivity. Some examples are paternity leave and flextime. 1997.

The Glass Menagerie RC 45893
by Tennessee Williams
read by David Palmer
1 cassette (Reissue)
Drama written in 1945 about a southern family with pretensions to gentility. Centers around the crippled daughter, Laura, who lives in a dream world so full of illusions that she becomes like the pieces in her own glass collection—too fragile to move from the shelf. 1972.

Puppy Preschool: Raising Your Puppy Right—Right from the Start RC 45901
by John Ross and Barbara McKinney
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
This manual describes steps in obedience training for puppies and recommends beginning as early as eight weeks of age. The authors also discuss many other aspects of dog-owning, from choosing the right breed to "bonding" with your new pet. 1996.

Christopher Reeve: Actor and Activist RC 45904
by Margaret L. Finn
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
From his youth, Reeve participated in several artistic endeavors, but soon decided on an acting career. Finn describes Reeve's childhood, early years as an actor, and the equestrian event that changed his life dramatically. The author also covers Reeve's role as an activist for persons with spinal cord injuries. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Locusts at the Edge of Summer: New and Selected Poems RC 45905
by John Balaban
read by Roy Avers
1 cassette
A collection of poignant poems, including several that evoke the horror and brutality of the Vietnam War and its aftermath. Other works portray harsh images of life in rural America and describe the author's view of a stark "new world order." 1997.

The Bird in the Waterfall: A Natural History of Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes RC 45907
by Jerry Dennis
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
Explores the subject of water in nature and the history of rivers, lakes, and oceans. Delves into underground, surface, and sky waters and their properties, dynamics, and effects. Discusses related phenomena such as waves, tides, beaches, and waterfalls. 1996.

Scott of the Antarctic RC 45956
by Elspeth Huxley
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Recounts the arduous expedition of British naval officer Robert Falcon Scott to the South Pole in 1911, where he found that the Norwegian adventurer Amundsen had arrived one month earlier. Beset by blizzards, Scott's entire party perished during their return. Based on Scott's own journals. 1977.

Leaning into the Wind: Women Write from the Heart of the West RC 45965
edited by Linda Hasselstrom and others
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes
An anthology of memories, reflections, and poems about the hardships and the joys of living on the Great Plains as experienced by 125 women from six Western states. All are true accounts from the lives of ranchers, teachers, journalists, truck drivers, veterinarians, and women in other occupations. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Now and Then: From Coney Island to Here RC 46017
by Joseph Heller
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Author of *Catch-22 (RC 18132)* describes his life in a series of vignettes—his fatherless childhood on Coney Island during the depression, his disinterest in knowing about his father, and his ignorance of his biological relationship with his older brother and sister. He also recalls various jobs, his military service, and his writings. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Slaves in the Family RC 46018
by Edward Ball
read by Robert Sams
4 cassettes
A history of a South Carolina homestead from 1698 to 1865, told through interviews with descendants of plantation slaves. Inspired by a family reunion to learn about the past, the author traveled across the United States and to Africa. Among the timeworn recollections are portrayals of slaves and slaveholders working side by side over generations. Bestseller 1998.

Countdown: A History of Space Flight RC 46019
by T.A. Heppenheimer
read by Steven Carpenter
4 cassettes
A chronicle of international efforts at

space exploration since the 1930s. Describes the early experiments and breakthroughs, key personalities whose vision and work advanced the science of space flight, the technologies that made it possible, and the obstacles that were overcome in conquering the frontier of space. 1997.

Loosestrife: Poems RC 46029
by Stephen Dunn
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Poems on the loneliness, angst, love, and losses that affect lives in a changing America. The title work is a discursive elegy on the mild 1995 "winter winter never came," offering observations on nature, politics, hope, and ordinary life on New Jersey's southern coast. 1996.

My Life RC 46031
by Edith Piaf
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
During the last year of her life, the well-known singer dictated her recollections of the past—her inability to keep the man she loved, her drug and alcohol addictions, and her religious convictions. She recounts her fear that by the time she died, so much might have been said about her, no one would really know the kind of person she was. 1990.

Creole Folktales RC 46047
by Patrick Chamoiseau
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
Dating from the colonial period in the West Indies, these Creole folk stories reflect an enslaved peoples' persistent struggle for survival and freedom. In "A Pumpkin Seed," an impoverished old woman is magically rewarded for nursing an injured bird back to health. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1988.

Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table RC 46069
by Ruth Reichl
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Autobiography by a *New York Times* restaurant critic. Growing up in New York City with a manic-depressive mother who always caused food poisoning with her cooking, Reichl guarded her favorite people from extreme distress at parties. While judging her mother's mood by what was in the refrigerator, she enjoyed learning about food at her grandmother's house. Best-seller 1998.

All Over but the Shoutin' RC 46142
by Rick Bragg
read by Bob Askey
3 cassettes
Autobiography of a Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* journalist. Bragg recalls how he managed to become a human interest reporter, first in Florida and later in New York. He and his two brothers were reared in poverty in rural Alabama by their mother, Margaret, after their alcoholic father left them. 1997.

Notes of a Piano Tuner RC 46150
by Denele Pitts Campbell
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
Tuning pianos provides the author opportunity to visit homes, churches, and music halls where she catches glimpses of the players' various lifestyles. Campbell describes her experiences and also comments on the countryside of the Arkansas Ozarks she traverses to do her work. 1997.

Spin Cycle: Inside the Clinton Propaganda Machine RC 46183
by Howard Kurtz
read by Gregory Gorton
3 cassettes
A *Washington Post* reporter explains the strategies and techniques employed by the Clinton White House to neutralize the media in the midst of scandals. Gives insights into the use of stagecraft, stonewalling, controlled leaks, and other methods of managing the news. Strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Road to Ubar: Finding the Atlantis of the Sands RC 46271
by Nicholas Clapp
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
A day-by-day account of two expeditions to Arabia in search of the site of the fabled city of Ubar. Inspired by a 1980 trip to return endangered Arabian oryxes to their native habitat, Clapp became intrigued with the legend of Ubar and obtained government radar imagery to help locate the ancient remains. Bestseller 1998.

I Write What I Like: A Selection of His Writings RC 46277
by Steve Biko
read by Peter Jay Fernandez
2 cassettes
Essays and writings from the period 1969 through 1972 by the South African considered the father of the Black Consciousness Movement. Biko discusses racism, religion, and African culture, as well as what his movement stands for. 1996.

The Disheveled Dictionary: A Curious Caper through Our Sumptuous Lexicon RC 46298
by Karen Elizabeth Gordon
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
An alphabetical list of the author's favorite words, which she includes for their rhythm and rich sound. Some entries are well-known words while others are obscure. 1997.

Love Poems RC 46502
by Nikki Giovanni
read by Robin Miles
1 cassette
Fifty-four poems by an award-winning African American writer celebrating love in its many manifestations: for a lover, for a friend, for a member of the family, in the abstract, and in the concrete. Grouped in three sections: "I Hope It's Love," "And Yeah . . . These Are Love Poems," and "I Take Master Card (Charge Your Love to Me)." For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Sugar Busters! Cut Sugar to Trim Fat RC 46504
edited by H. Leighton Steward and others
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
A Fortune 500 CEO and three Louisiana doctors argue that sugar—by causing the production of insulin—prevents weight loss. They provide a diet plan to reduce sugar consumption and recommend avoiding such foods as potatoes, white bread, corn, and carrots. Includes recipes from New Orleans restaurants. Bestseller 1998.

Cassettes Fiction

Temple of the Winds: The Sword of Truth, Book 4 RC 41105
by Terry Goodkind
read by Nick Sullivan
5 cassettes
The fanatical Imperial Order unleashes a deadly plague that cannot be cured by magic. Seeker of Truth Richard Cypher knows that his world faces destruction unless he can find the legendary Temple of the Winds that was sealed off from civilization more than three thousand years ago. Sequel to *Blood of the Fold (RC 41104)*. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

U.S.A. RC 42698
by John Dos Passos
read by Bill Wallace
9 cassettes in 2 containers (Reissue)
Three novels first published as a trilogy in 1938: *The 42nd Parallel* (1930), *1919* (1932), and *The Big Money* (1936). Dos Passos satirizes life in America from 1900 until the 1930s, using period "newsreels," autobiographical "camera eye" pieces, and biographical sketches. Contains chronologies of Dos Passos's life and historical events cited. Some strong language. 1996.

Dancing on Snowflakes RC 43167
by Malcolm Macdonald
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Katy O'Barry had her coming out during the 1897 Dublin Season. But her appalling behavior has led her parents to send her to relatives in Stockholm, where they hope she will learn proper manners. Katy has other plans, though, and when she arrives in Stockholm, she secures her own lodgings. Some strong language. 1993.

Sophie's Heart RC 43647
by Lori Wick
read by Anne Mullen
3 cassettes
In the 1980s, Janet Ring teaches a Bible study class in Chicago and worries about her widowed brother Alec, whose wife died in a tragic accident, leaving him with three children. When Sophie, a young woman from Czechoslovakia, comes to class one day, Janet quickly sees her as the answer to prayer. 1995.

The U.P. Trail RC 43652
by Zane Grey
read by Don Emmick
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Depicts the heroic struggle and perseverance involved in the construction and completion of the Union Pacific Railroad. Some strong language. 1918.

Mountain Man RC 44306
by Vardis Fisher
read by Dick Jenkins
3 cassettes (Reissue)
A fur trapper in the Rocky Mountains during the 1830s befriends a woman whose children have been slaughtered by Indians. When his wife and unborn child are killed, the trapper declares a one-man war against the tribe. Some violence. 1965.

Winds of Fury: The Mage Winds, Book 3 RC 44394
by Mercedes Lackey
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
With her training by the Tayledras Adepts completed, Herald Elspeth plans to return home to Valdemar, with her Hawkbrother partner Darkwind, to defend her country from attacks by Ancar

of Hardorn. But Ancar has become far more powerful. Sequel to *Winds of Change (RC 44393)*. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

Wonders of the West RC 44428
by Kate Braverman
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
Seventeen-year-old Jordan Lerner relives the journey she took with her mother when they left their New Jersey home and headed for Los Angeles and the "wonders of the West." Along the way mother and daughter pawn their valuables, brave the elements, and sleep nights in their convertible. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1993.

The Wolf's Hour RC 44469
by Robert R. McCammon
read by Ted Stoddard
5 cassettes
In the final days of World War II Michael Gallatin, master spy, lover, and werewolf, sets out on a secret mission. Determined to crack a secret Nazi plan, Gallatin moves about the continent, only to be trapped himself just before the D-Day invasion. Strong language, descriptions of sex, and violence. 1989.

Casting Off: The Cazalet Chronicle, Volume 4 RC 44767
by Elizabeth Jane Howard
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
4 cassettes
With World War II behind them, members of the Cazalet family attempt to get on with their lives, many facing difficult changes. Marriages, divorces, rifts between relatives, deaths, and pregnancies all have their effect on the family. Sequel to *Confusion (RC 38736)*. Some strong language. 1995.

The Sweet Everlasting RC 44801
by Judson Mitcham
read by Michael Kramer
2 cassettes
Fictional tale of a white man's hard-scrabble early years in the racist South following the depression. At age fourteen, he witnesses the torture and killing of his black boyhood friend by a white mob. The horror of that experience dooms him to a dysfunctional life. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Seven Moves RC 44833
by Carol Anshaw
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
When her lover, Taylor Hayes, disappears without a trace, psychotherapist Christine Snow is at first unconcerned. But after a while, a disturbing clue sends Snow to Morocco. Her search reveals that Hayes is a different woman than Snow thought she knew. Descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Last Viking Queen RC 44977
by Janelle Taylor
read by June Carter
3 cassettes
Princess Alysa, nineteen, will soon become ruler of two kingdoms. But the high priest, Trosdan, says Alysa must first overcome several evils. Her new husband, Prince Gavin, wants to fight the battles necessary to save Alysa's kingdoms and his own, but he fails to understand that preventing Alysa from following her destiny will bring disaster. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

A Fatal Glass of Beer RC 44978
by Stuart M. Kaminsky
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
1943. Toby Peters, detective to the stars, is hired by W.C. Fields to catch a thief who is cleaning out Fields's numerous bank accounts. As they crisscross the country amid Fields's pompous blather, the thief taunts them, first with notes, and then with bullets. 1997.

To Make a Killing RC 44979
by Robert J. Conley
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Cherokee sheriff Go-Ahead Rider has had a murder in one of his own jail cells. The only likely suspect is the deputy on duty, Beehunter. Only Beehunter didn't do it. Both sheriff and deputy set out, each in his own way, to find the real killer. Some violence. 1994.

Choice Deceptions RC 44986
by Emma Jensen
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Miss Aurelie Carollan needs to escape from relatives scheming to acquire her inheritance. Jason Granville, Lord Tarrant, needs a "fiancée" of his own chosing to avoid his parents' choice. When an ad in the *Times* catches Jason's attention, the two are thrown together in a scheme they hope will solve their problems. But instead it may only wreak havoc in their lives. 1996.

Salt Dancers RC 44996
by Ursula Hegi
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Julia returns home to Spokane, having fled across country to escape memories of her childhood with an alcoholic father. She now seeks to disarm the secrets of the past so they cannot hurt her unborn daughter. Strong language and violence. 1995.

The Sins of the Fathers RC 45105
by Lawrence Block
read by Ray Foushee
1 cassette
Cale Hanniford hires private investigator Matt Scudder—not to find out who slashed to death his daughter, Wendy, but why. The prime suspect, Wendy's longtime male roommate, is now dead in a jailhouse suicide. As Scudder learns more about the victim's past, he gets closer to discovering the truth about the murder. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1976.

In a Crooked Little House RC 45149
by A.G. Cascone
read by John Lescault
1 cassette
Iggy Boy is killing people at Huntington Prep, but no one suspects him. In fact, most are glad to hear of one of his victims, cruel Mr. Spegman. Meanwhile, two students start a relationship, not realizing it will anger Iggy Boy. Violence and some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Rhoda: A Life in Stories RC 45150
by Ellen Gilchrist
read by Laura Giannarelli
3 cassettes
Twenty-three fictionalized autobiographical stories, arranged in chronological order, recount highlights in this feisty redhead's life. From age ten through midlife, Rhoda finds unique ways of handling sibling rivalry, first love, early marriage, abortion, and physical attraction. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Blind Man with a Pistol RC 45204
by Chester Himes
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
Detectives Coffin Ed Johnson and Grave Digger Jones track the killer of a white, homosexual filmmaker amid the street violence and racial upheavals of a Harlem ghetto in the late 1960s. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1969.

Zel RC 45229
by Donna Jo Napoli
read by Celeste Lawson
1 cassette
Desperately desiring a child, a barren woman sells her soul for Zel, the infant daughter of neighbors. When the maturing Zel becomes the object of a nobleman's affections, the jealous mother locks Zel away in a tower. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

The Love Slave RC 45233
by Bertrice Small
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
3 cassettes
As the second-born twin, Regan MacDuff faces life as a nun. But when she is taken to the convent at age fifteen, she is sold into slavery and ends up in training to be a "love slave" for a Moorish caliph. As Regan learns erotic arts, she and her trainer break the first rule—they fall in love. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1995.

Shadow of Ashland RC 45250
by Terence M. Green
read by John Lescault
1 cassette
Fulfilling a promise to his dying mother, Leo Nolan ventures from Canada to Ashland, Kentucky, in search of his long-lost Uncle Jack. There, as Nolan is tracing his uncle's mysterious past, he travels back in time to relive the final days of Jack's life. Strong language. 1996.

The Bride of Texas RC 45312
by Josef Skvorecky
read by Gabriella Cavallero
4 cassettes
The story of European immigrants in the United States during the Civil War. Lida, a beautiful young Czech woman living in Texas, marries a plantation owner's son. Her brother falls in love with a slave woman and joins the Union army. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Remnants of the First Earth RC 45315
by Ray A. Young Bear
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Companion to *Black Eagle Child (RC 36716)*. The story of a Native American boy's coming-of-age in the 1960s and 1970s on Iowa's hardscrabble Black Eagle Child Settlement. Portrays his struggle to adhere to tribal traditions while living in a white-run school and community. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Deryni Checkmate: The Chronicles of the Deryni, Volume 2 RC 45326
by Katherine Kurtz
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Priests, fearing the power that even a few Deryni, and especially Duke Alaric Morgan, can exert over King Kelson, have decreed an interdict against Morgan and the entire duchy of Corwyn. If the writ is carried out, King Kelson will be in great danger. Sequel to *Deryni Rising (RC 45325)*. Some violence. 1972.

Before My Time RC 45405
by Niccolò Tucci
read by Peter Gil
4 cassettes
An Italian medical doctor falls in love with Mary, the daughter in a displaced Russian family. Mary's mother, aided by her entourage, manages to dissipate a fortune, while her offspring squabble for the remains. 1961.

Anita and Me RC 45408
by Meera Syal
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Meena Kumar is a nine-year-old girl whose family has settled in a British mining village in the 1960s. Desperate to fit in with her schoolmates, Meena develops a friendship with Anita, an older girl. The pair's mischievous exploits and Meena's rejection of her Punjabi roots worry her family as they, too, struggle for acceptance. Some strong language. 1996.

The Rake's Rainbow RC 45411
by Allison Lane
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
Regency rake Thomas Mannering is so devastated by the love of his life's marriage to someone else, he has spent the last few months in a drunken stupor. When an accident puts him in bed with Caroline Cummings, a vicar's daughter, Thomas realizes he must change his ways. But even the charming and efficient Caroline seems unable to make Thomas forget his former love. 1996.

That Day the Rabbi Left Town RC 45452
by Harry Kemelman
read by Barry Bernson
2 cassettes
Having resigned from Barnard's Crossing Temple, Rabbi Small now heads the newly created department of Judaic studies at nearby Windermere College. He is just learning the quirks of fellow faculty members when one of them—an elderly eccentric—is found dead. Rabbi Small doesn't believe it was a heart attack that killed the professor. Some strong language. 1996.

Promise Me Tomorrow RC 45453
by Lori Copeland
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
When the McDougal sisters' stagecoach was attacked in *Promise Me Today (RC 39455)*, each sister was taken in tow by a different man. This account follows Anne-Marie, who was rescued by Creed Walker, a Crow warrior who is hiding a cache of gold. They agree to help one another, but they may kill each other first. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1993.

A Love Divine RC 45476
by Alexandra Ripley
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
5 cassettes
This fictional account of the life of Joseph of Arimathea portrays social and political events of biblical times as well as Joseph's life at sea, his love for Sarah, and his efforts to convert the Celts to Christianity. At his meeting with Jesus of Nazareth, Joseph's crippled daughter, Helena, was healed. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Another City, Not My Own: A Novel in the Form of a Memoir RC 45552
by Dominick Dunne
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Using his alter ego, Gus Bailey, to tell the tale, Dunne interweaves an account of O.J. Simpson's trial with the personal struggles Gus undergoes as he deals with his own mortality. By day Gus attends the trial and in the evening attends lavish parties where he meets celebrities and rehashes the day's events. Strong language. Bestseller 1997.

A Firing Offense RC 45596
by David Ignatius
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
Reporter Eric Truell of the *New York Mirror* uncovers a secret trade war between France and the United States. As he delves into the conflict, Truell becomes enmeshed in a perilous conspiracy involving the CIA and his employers. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Doc Holliday's Woman RC 45606
by Jane Candia Coleman
read by Terry Hayes Sales
2 cassettes
Kate Elder is born to an aristocratic European family that follows Emperor Maximilian to Mexico, later settling in Kansas in 1865. As an orphaned teenager, Kate makes a living as best she can in the West. She and Doc Holliday develop an uneasy relationship that continues until Doc's death. Some strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

Our Noise RC 45607
by Jeff Gomez
read by Randy Wieck
3 cassettes
In the small town of Kitty, Virginia, young adults struggle to find their identities. Mark, Steve, and Gary's local band is on the verge of making it to the big time. Longtime lovers Craig and Ashley need a change. Chipp and Randy try to launch a new magazine, and rejected Eileen ends up staying in town after her car breaks down. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Rogue Warrior: Designation Gold RC 45611
by Richard Marcinko and John Weisman
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
The Rogue Warrior's friend, Paul Mahon—a defense attaché in Moscow—and his family are murdered, and a navy sea-air-land (SEAL) team travels to Russia to investigate. The SEALs uncover a ring of black-market arms dealers who are targeting the Middle East. Sequel to *Rogue Warrior: Task Force Blue (RC 43276)*. Strong language and violence. 1997.

Witches' Brew RC 45612
by Terry Brooks
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
Ben Holiday, High Lord of the Magic Kingdom of Landover, is challenged by King Rydall of Marnhull for mastery of the realm. And Ben cannot refuse to do battle with the champions that Rydall sends against him, because Ben's daughter has been abducted through a witch's magic, and Rydall holds the key to her

fate. Sequel to *The Tangle Box (RC 44690)*. 1995.

Past Imperative: Round One of the Great Game RC 45619
by Dave Duncan
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
At the start of World War I, Edward Exeter is charged with killing a school chum, while crippled Eleal Singer is being held hostage in a parallel world. Exeter and Singer are both part of a prophecy, the Filoby Testament. Edward crosses over to the other world but must betray Eleal in order to return. Prequel to *Present Tense (RC 45644)*. 1995.

Too Long at the Dance RC 45623
by Mike Blakely
read by Robert Sams
4 cassettes
Colorado, 1884. In this sequel to *Shortgrass Song (RC 41964)*, cowboy musician Caleb Holcomb is drifting out West having left his father, his brother's widow, and her child at their horse ranch. Holcomb has always loved the widow Amelia but fears the attraction is one-sided. Instead of declaring his love for her, he becomes involved in skirmishes, other women, and a family feud. Some violence. 1996.

A Letter of Mary: A Mary Russell Novel RC 45624
by Laurie R. King
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes are at home in Sussex in 1923 when they receive a visit from archaeologist Dorothy Ruskin, an old friend returning from a dig in the Holy Land. Ruskin asks the pair to guard an inlaid box containing a letter believed to be the work of Mary Magdalene. That evening Ruskin is run down by a car. 1996.

For the Love of Emma RC 45636
by Lucy Gordon
read by Vanessa Maroney
1 cassette
After her very young sister dies, a heartbroken Briony takes a temporary job in Carlyle Brackman's company. A strict, demanding boss, Carlyle is a different person with his little girl Emma, who is dying. Briony is shocked when Carlyle begs her to fulfill Emma's main wish by becoming her mother and his wife until Emma dies. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Present Tense: Round Two of the Great Game RC 45644
by Dave Duncan
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Past Imperative (RC 45619)*, Edward Exeter lands in a trench during the battle of Third Ypres. Assumed a spy, Exeter is rescued by a schoolmate. But Exeter is still wanted dead by forces from Nextdoor, the parallel universe he had been trapped in for the previous three years. Soon Exeter realizes he must return to Nextdoor to fight Zath, evil god of death. 1996.

Fugitive Pieces RC 45655
by Anne Michaels
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
After his family perishes in the Holocaust, seven-year-old Jakob Beer is secreted to Greece to be raised by a middle-aged scholar. They flee to Canada, where Jakob grows up to become a poet and to marry a woman who helps him escape the horror of his past. Violence.

1996.

The Ganja Coast RC 45689
by Paul Mann
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
American and European hippies enjoy the seeming paradise of beach and drugs in Goa, India, until a young girl is murdered. George Sansi, a Bombay lawyer, is sent to investigate the crime and the deaths of several tourists from apparent drug overdoses. Sansi's journalist girlfriend, Annie, befriends one of the hippie families. Some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1995.

Tusk and Stone RC 45695
by Malcolm Bosse
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
Seventh-century India is a tumultuous place. Arjun, a boy approaching manhood, tells how his caravan is attacked and he avoids death only to find himself sold into the army. He then develops a special bond with Gandiva, the elephant he is trained to handle. As a soldier, Arjun gains fame, but the glory does not last long. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Torch: A Fred Carver Mystery RC 45732
by John Lutz
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
Moments after Donna Winship pays Florida P.I. Fred Carver one thousand dollars to shadow her, she steps in front of a speeding truck and dies. Then her apparently grief-stricken husband commits suicide. Or so it seems until Carver unravels an intricate scam. Violence and some strong language. 1994.

Blood Lines RC 45733
by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
Detective Inspector Bill Slider investigates the murder of a music critic whose death was made to look like suicide. When one of his own policemen is suspected of the killing, Slider has to try to prove him innocent. Some violence. 1996.

Promise Me Forever RC 45737
by Lori Copeland
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
When the McDougal sisters' stagecoach was attacked in *Promise Me Today (RC 39455)*, each sister was taken in tow by a different man. This sequel to *Promise Me Tomorrow (RC 45453)* relates Amelia's rescue by Captain Morgan Kane. He dumps Amelia in Galveston, but she is kidnapped and sold as a prostitute and once again needs to be rescued. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Case of the Fenced-In Woman RC 45738
by Erle Stanley Gardner
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Perry Mason becomes enmeshed in a bitter divorce and property dispute when Morely Eden and Vivian Carson end up as coinhabitants of a house that is divided by a barbed wire fence through the living room. The strange case takes a more sinister twist when a dead body is found in the house. A Perry Mason mystery. 1972.

A Game of Thrones: A Song of Ice and Fire, Book 1 RC 45742
by George R.R. Martin
read by Roy Avers
6 cassettes
In a bygone world of decades-long seasons, three families struggle for the throne. When honorable Lord Eddard Stark of Winterfell is sent south to be the hand of the king, he faces many ambitious and ruthless people. Meanwhile the king contends with wildlings and creatures beyond the domain wall. Some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1996.

Nop's Hope RC 45745
by Donald McCaig
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
Penny Berkeholder, grieving the loss of her husband and daughter, leaves home for the sheepdog circuit. Her border collie, Hope, is the son of the trophy-winning dog Nop from *Nop's Trials (RD 20896)*. Penny and Hope take work on Oren Wright's ranch and later join Ransome Barlow back on the road. Although both men love her, Penny can't find comfort with either until a crisis occurs. 1994.

Alligator Dance: Stories RC 45747
by Janet Peery
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Ten tales set in the Southwest that depict people caught in life transitions or coping with trying relationships. The title story relates a fourth grader's sexual awakening as she is attracted to and repelled by a classmate who taunts her with erotic images. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1993.

No Ordinary Princess RC 45749
by Pamela Morsi
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
Princess Calhoun is the oil baron's daughter. Bossy and plain, Princess is still not married at the old age of twenty-four. When ex-Rough Rider Tom Walker comes to the Oklahoma oil town, he realizes the inheritance waiting to be had with Princess. Deceiving her into marriage, their lives fall apart when the truth is discovered. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

I Love You, I Hate You, Get Lost RC 45753
by Ellen Conford
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
Seven humorous stories reflecting the ups and downs of life as a teenager. In the title story, Dana has to take her little brother, Zach, on a romantic cruise with her boyfriend. In "Body Wave," a teen getting a permanent rambles on and on to her hairdresser about how she ended up with the date she has for a major dance. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Animal Husbandry RC 45756
by Laura Zigman
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Jane Goodall, who books guests for a talk show, is swept off her feet by Ray Brown, the show's young executive producer. When he dumps her, Jane frantically tries to make sense of his behavior and ends up creating the "old-cow, new-cow" theory of relationships. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Players RC 45760
by Clay Reynolds
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
Failed football player Eddy Lovell joins the Texas underworld and steals two top-secret government compact discs. A group desperate to get the discs tries to kidnap Lovell's daughter but grabs the wrong girl. A complex series of moves and countermoves leads to a violent showdown. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Cleveland Local: A Milan Jacovich Mystery RC 45762
by Les Roberts
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Last seen in *The Cleveland Connection (RC 39442)*, private-eye Milan Jacovich is hired by Patrice Kerner to find out who murdered her brother Joel. After twenty-four hours in the Caribbean, Jacovich finds himself involved in union politics, missing pension funds, and the Cleveland mob. Some strong language. 1997.

Station Rage RC 45764
by Diane Carey
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
When a hidden tomb of Cardassian soldiers is discovered aboard *Deep Space Nine*, Captain Sisko's prime concern is the likelihood of diplomatic repercussions with the Cardassian empire. But bigger problems are in store for *Deep Space Nine* when it turns out the tomb is much older than expected and that the soldiers are not dead but in suspended animation. A Star Trek *Deep Space Nine* novel. 1995.

The Wishbones RC 45771
by Tom Perrotta
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
At thirty-one, Dave Raymond lives at home and plays guitar with the Wishbones, a New Jersey wedding band. When Dave proposes marriage to his longtime sweetheart and she accepts, his life goes into turmoil. After a series of zany misadventures with the band, Dave finally ties the knot. Strong language. 1997.

A Place to Call Home RC 45772
by Deborah Smith
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
As a child in the mountains of Georgia, Claire Maloney developed a special friendship with an older, motherless boy from an outcast family. Twenty years later Claire returns home to heal from injuries suffered on her job as a reporter investigating domestic violence. She finds that her old friend still loves her. Some strong language and some violence. 1997.

The Emigrants RC 45774
by W.G. Sebald
read by Ted Stoddard
2 cassettes
Portrays the lives of four Jewish emigrants from Germany—two who barely escaped the scourge of the Holocaust and two who had fled decades earlier. Traces the fates of the exiles abroad as they attempt to find happiness but inevitably succumb to painful memories of the past. 1996.

Dear Lady RC 45775
by Robin Lee Hatcher
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Lady Beth Wellington has come to America in 1897 to escape an arranged marriage. But when she shows up on the doorstep of her ten-year-old pen pal Janie Steele, the girl's father, Garret, makes Beth feel she has made a mistake in coming to Montana. Eventually time heals all wounds, including those suffered by Garret in his first marriage. 1997.

Land Girls RC 45776
by Angela Huth
read by Anne Flosnik
3 cassettes
British urban residents Prue, Agatha, and Stella sign up to be "land girls"—substitute farm workers—during World War II. They work long hours learning animal husbandry and crop cultivation from farmers John and Faith Lawrence and their ailing son, Joe. The three women become lifelong friends but resume very different lives after the war. For senior high and older readers. 1994.

The Great Wheel RC 45777
by Ian R. MacLeod
read by Jeff Baker
3 cassettes
In the year 2070, North Africa's squalid Endless City has barely survived the devastation of global warming. There a priest who has lost his faith labors to find the cause of the leukemia epidemic that plagues his people. In the course of his search, he finds love, loss, and personal healing. Some strong language. 1997.

Indigo Slam: An Elvis Cole Novel RC 45785
by Robert Crais
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
L.A. private eye Elvis Cole is hired by three children to find their missing father, a dropout of the witness protection program. As his expenses quickly eat up the small fee he charged, Cole delves into the world of counterfeiters and drug pushers, and is hounded by Russians and federal marshals. Violence and strong language. 1997.

After Caroline RC 45789
by Kay Hooper
read by Margaret Strom
3 cassettes
Joanna Flynn knows she was lucky to have escaped death twice in one day, but strange dreams have plagued her ever since. Discovering that she resembles a woman who died the same day as her close call, Joanna travels to Oregon to learn what connection she has with the dead Caroline. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Escape from Egypt RC 45792
by Sonia Levitin
read by Terence Aselford
2 cassettes
The Biblical story of Exodus told through the eyes of Jesse, a Hebrew slave, and Jennat, an Egyptian-Syrian slave. When Jennat joins the flight from Egypt, Jesse must decide whether to follow his heart. The journey through the desert is described as both a physical and spiritual quest, in which beliefs in God are strengthened. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

The Butter Did It: A Gastronomic Tale of Love and Murder RC 45793
by Phyllis Richman
read by Faith Potts
2 cassettes
Forty-two-year-old three-star chef Laurence Levain has finished his signature dish for the CityTastes gala the following evening and is walking home when he is joined by a companion. Shortly thereafter at his home, Levain dies of what is assumed to be a heart attack. But longtime friend, former lover, and restaurant critic Chas Wheatley suspects murder. Some strong language. 1997.

Forget Me Not RC 45794
by Stef Ann Holm
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
In the late nineteenth century, after her marriage ends, New York socialite Josephine Whittaker moves west. Picking Sienna, Wyoming, from a novel, she arrives to find that her valise and money are missing and that there are no jobs for her. Desperate and broke, Josephine lies about her skills and lands a cook position on a ranch. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Prodigal Girl RC 45797
by Grace Livingston Hill
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
At seventeen, Betty Thornton wants to go out with her friends and have fun. The last thing she wants is life on a boring Vermont farm. But her father is shocked by her behavior and sees his old home place as a means of getting his children away from the evils of the city. Betty hopes to escape when Dudley Weston offers marriage, but a tragedy almost ends her life. 1929.

Girls RC 45798
by Frederick Busch
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
The lives and marriage of Jack and Fanny are devastated by the crib death of their infant daughter. As a campus police chief, Jack escapes grief by immersing himself in his work. When a local girl disappears, he probes the case, hoping to redeem his tragic past. Strong language and violence. 1997.

The Scarlet Cloak RC 45808
by Jean Plaidy
read by Ilona Dulaski
3 cassettes
In 1572 Isabella is preparing for her wedding in Spain when English pirates attack and carry her and her gypsy maid to England. Fifteen years later her fiancé and his brother, on a secret mission in England, accidentally discover the women. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1957.

Morvern Callar RC 45809
by Alan Warner
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
Scottish working girl Morvern Callar awakes one day to find that her live-in boyfriend has killed himself. She stashes the body, avails herself of his savings, and ventures off to the Mediterranean rave scene to party until the money runs out. Callar returns home a changed person. 1995.

House of Glass RC 45832
by Pramoedya Ananta Toer
read by Graeme Malcolm
3 cassettes
In the final chapter of the Buru quartet,

set in the early twentieth century, the struggle for freedom in the Dutch East Indies continues. Police Commissioner Tuan Pangemanann spies on the followers of dissident writer Raden Mas Minke. He comes to admire Minke and is torn between the nationalist movement and loyalty to his Dutch superiors. Sequel to *Footsteps (RC 43597)*. 1992.

In the Twilight, in the Evening: Cheney Duvall, M.D., Volume 6 RC 45835
by Lynn and Gilbert Morris
read by Suzanne Toren
2 cassettes
Dr. Cheney Duvall is in San Francisco with her nurse, Shiloh Irons, hoping to work at St. Francis, a private hospital run by Dr. Baird. Cheney's efficient response to an accident involving Dr. Baird helps her get the job, but her willingness to help patients he considers "unfit" creates conflicts between them. Sequel to *Secret Place of Thunder (RC 44907)*. 1997.

Up Jumps the Devil RC 45837
by Margaret Maron
read by Nona Pipes
2 cassettes
When a former neighbor is shot in broad daylight in his own backyard, Judge Deborah Knott pays a condolence call on his widow. She hears the family version of the murder, but quickly finds out that the sheriff suspects others who have stronger motives. 1996.

Zanouba RC 45838
by Out el Kouloub
read by Yolande Bavan
2 cassettes
Originally published in French in 1947, this novel depicts Muslim middle-class family life in Cairo around 1900. In recounting the problems of sixteen-year-old Zanouba's arranged marriage to an unsuitable man and her subsequent divorce, many traditions and customs are described. The portrayal of Zanouba's second marriage, as the younger wife in a harem, reveals some of the difficulties facing women in that status. 1996.

Raw Deal RC 45842
by Les Standiford
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Florida builder John Deal and his wife Janice narrowly escape death twice. First the gallery they just left is bombed, then their fourplex is burned, badly injuring Janice. With the help of ex-cop tenant Driscoll, Deal learns both incidents involved a Cuban trying to corner the sugar market. Prequel to *Deal to Die For (RC 45843)*. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

Amistad RC 45847
by Alexs Pate
read by Peter Jay Fernandez
2 cassettes
Novel based on the 1997 screenplay about the 1839 mutiny aboard a slave ship bound for the United States. The victims' fate rested with former president John Quincy Adams, who defended their right to freedom before the Supreme Court. Similar books include *Mutiny on the Amistad (RC 26238)*, *Echo of Lions (RC 30493)*, and for children, *The Amistad Revolt, 1839 (RC 7916)*. Bestseller 1997.

Singing in the Comeback Choir RC 45848
by Bebe Moore Campbell
read by Robin Miles
3 cassettes
Lindy Walker gave up a singing career to care for her granddaughter, Maxine

McCoy. Now Maxine is married and a successful African American television producer, and it is Lindy who needs help. When Maxine returns to her old Philadelphia neighborhood, she encourages Lindy to sing again. But unexpectedly, Maxine also finds redemption in her roots. Some strong language. Best-seller 1998.

Milk and Honey RC 45852
by Faye Kellerman
read by Richard Davidson
3 cassettes
LAPD detective Peter Decker finds a toddler wandering around a subdivision late at night wearing a blood-stained sleeper. As he searches for her family, Decker must also deal with an army buddy accused of rape and with his feelings for his absent Orthodox Jewish girlfriend, Rina. Strong language. 1990.

Athena RC 45855
by John Banville
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
Freddie Montgomery of *The Book of Evidence (RC 31640)* and *Ghosts (RC 37881)* has changed his name to Morrow. Now in Dublin, he is hired to write descriptions of Flemish paintings stolen from the same house Freddie had once burgled. Morrow also describes his affair with a mysterious woman he calls A. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 1995.

Sorcerers of Majipoor RC 45856
by Robert Silverberg
read by Christopher Hurt
4 cassettes
In this prequel to the Majipoor Cycle of tales, the Pontifex Prankipin is dying. Prince Korsibar cannot, by law, succeed his father to the throne and it will fall to Prince Prestimion. Fearful of the future, the people of the planet Majipoor turn to magic. 1996.

Murder in Grub Street RC 45858
by Bruce Alexander
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Blind Justice (RC 42229)*, blind magistrate Sir John Fielding investigates the murders of a publisher and his family. Although a visiting poet was found bloodied at the scene, Fielding enlists the help of his ward, Jeremy Proctor, to search for the truth. A shady Christian organization from America becomes suspect after a synagogue is burned. 1995.

Gideon's Staff RC 45863
by J.J. Marric
read by Graeme Malcolm
1 cassette (Reissue)
Scotland Yard Commander George Gideon is battling Keith Ryman, serial killer of little girls, and George Arthur Smith, a murderous rogue, when he comes up against an even larger adversary—the budget. Though his staff is cut and resources are limited, Gideon determines to foil the criminals. Some violence. 1959.

Remember Me, Irene: An Irene Kelly Mystery RC 45868
by Jan Burke
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
Reporter Irene Kelly learns too late that the homeless man she fled from was once the graduate student who taught her statistics class. Now he's disappeared, but not before scaring a group of Las Piernas men with mysterious letters. Strong language and some violence. 1996.

My Ishmael RC 45869
by Daniel Quinn
read by Gordon Gould
2 cassettes
Responding to an ad for a person with a desire "to save the world," a young girl meets Ishmael, a telepathic ape. Ishmael describes the shadow of doom that imperils the earth because of mankind's destructive ways. Enlightened, the girl sets out on a daunting mission. Sequel to *Ishmael (RC 35383)*. Some strong language. 1997.

The Genuine Half-Moon Kid RC 45870
by Michael Williams
read by Graeme Malcolm
1 cassette
Jay Watson, a South African teenager, was deserted by his grandfather ten years ago. When the older man dies, Jay journeys with nine-year-old Levi Bam and a few other friends to find the wooden box that contains Jay's inheritance. Along the way, the group meets an odd assortment of the dead man's acquaintances. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

Montenegro RC 45871
by Starling Lawrence
read by Ed Blake
3 cassettes
British covert agent Auberon Harwell arrives in Montenegro on the eve of World War I. At a Serbian village, Harwell falls in love with the wife of the local resistance leader, whose only wish is to send her son to America. Harwell risks grave peril to fulfill his lover's fervent hope. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Road Rage RC 45873
by Ruth Rendell
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
Chief inspector Reginald Wexford laments the building of a superhighway through his favorite forest. But he must intervene when eco-warriors move to stop construction. The terrorists take hostages and Wexford's wife, Dora, is among them. 1997.

Show Boat RC 45882
by Edna Ferber
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Account of a family that lived on a Mississippi River showboat in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Traces the fortunes of Captain Hawks's daughter Magnolia, who marries a gambler and leaves the troupe, and her daughter Kim, who becomes a singer on the New York stage. First published in 1926; updated introduction by Miles Kreuger. 1994.

Blood Work RC 45883
by Michael Connelly
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
FBI agent Terry McCaleb is forced to retire and to get a new heart. While recovering, the heart donor's sister asks him to investigate her sibling's murder. Although his doctor advises otherwise, McCaleb feels obligated to assist her. McCaleb discovers, rather than a simple robbery gone bad, a taunting serial killer. Some violence and strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Blue Flower RC 45885
by Penelope Fitzgerald
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
Based on the life of the Romantic poet Novalis. In late-eighteenth-century Germany, young Friedrich von Hardenberg falls in love with twelve-year-old Sophie von Kühn. Although ignorant and unsophisticated, Sophie soon captures the hearts of the entire family. 1995.

Enduring Love RC 45887
by Ian McEwan
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
Several men try to rescue a small boy in an escaping helium-filled balloon. The boy lands safely, but the aftermath of the event, in which one man dies, will haunt Joe Rose the rest of his life. For fellow rescuer Jed Parry makes eye contact with Joe and immediately becomes obsessed with love for him, leading Jed to haunt Joe night and day. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Numbered Account RC 45891
by Christopher Reich
read by James DeLotel
4 cassettes
Nick Neumann takes a job at the United Swiss Bank in Zurich to solve the mystery behind his father's death seventeen years earlier. Leaving behind a Wall Street career and his fiancée, Neumann finds himself being recruited by a U.S. Drug Enforcement agent, who wants his help in halting a Middle Eastern money launderer. Descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

Longarm and the Rebel Executioner RC 45895
by Tabor Evans
read by Roy Avers
1 cassette
In the aftermath of the Civil War, a diehard rebel pursues a crusade of vengeance, murdering Union veterans and their families. Ordered by the president to end the violence, Deputy Marshal Long tracks down the improbable culprit. Violence and some strong language. 1997.

The Twelfth Angel RC 45896
by Og Mandino
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
After his wife and son are killed in a car wreck, computer tycoon John Harding is at the brink of suicide. Then an old buddy persuades him to coach a Little League team, where he meets Timothy, a mediocre athlete with lots of heart. Together, Harding and Timothy overcome adversities and find new meaning in life. Some strong language. 1993.

Murder at Midnight RC 45897
by Elliott Roosevelt
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
Judge Horace Blackwell is discovered murdered in the White House. Although a maid is arrested and accused of the crime, Eleanor Roosevelt insists on a fuller investigation that reveals the sadistic womanizing of the judge. Three of the judge's paramours subsequently become the prime suspects. 1997.

The Girl Who Remembered Snow
RC 45900
by Charles Mathes
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
Although Emma has always remembered snow, her French grandfather—who raised her in San Francisco—told Emma that she has never seen it. When he is killed and, later, a French tourist Emma once met is murdered with the same gun, Emma becomes suspicious. She travels to New York City, San Marcos, and France to determine what their connection was. 1996.

Toward the End of Time RC 45902
by John Updike
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
In the year 2020 following a nuclear war with China, wealthy retiree Ben Turnbull chronicles a year of his New England country club life. Occupied with romantic dalliances and beset by social chaos and decay, Turnbull struggles with his own physical and spiritual decline. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Conor's Way RC 45910
by Laura Lee Guhrke
read by Carol Dines
3 cassettes
Louisiana, 1871. Impoverished Olivia Maitland has prayed for someone to help her run the farm, but finding a beaten Irish prizefighter on the road is not what she expected. With her three young adopted daughters, Olivia nurses Conor Branigan back to health. Explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 1996.

Normal: Stories by Lucia Nevai
RC 45914
by Lucia Nevai
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Twelve stories on themes of divorce, addiction, insanity, and family dysfunction. In the title work, an estranged father pays a tense visit to his runaway daughter, now an adult settled with her own family. Father and daughter struggle awkwardly to overcome the years of bad blood. Some strong language. 1997.

Medusa's Child RC 45964
by John J. Nance
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
Air freight pilot Scott McKay discovers on board his plane an armed atomic weapon with a device that could cripple every computer in North America. Spurning official orders, McKay directs his craft seaward, away from populations and into the teeth of a hurricane. Strong language. 1997.

The Cure for Death by Lightning
RC 45971
by Gail Anderson-Dargatz
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Fifteen-year-old Beth Weeks lives an arduous life on her family's Canadian farm in 1941. As she struggles with wartime privations, an abusive father, and paranoid fears, Beth finds succor in a deep, complex relationship with her half-Indian girlfriend. Strong language and descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

The Case Has Altered RC 45972
by Martha Grimes
read by Bob Askey
3 cassettes
On her way back to the Fengate estate from the Case Has Altered pub, Dorcas Reese is strangled to death on the Lincolnshire fens. Two weeks earlier, Verna Dunn was shot to death at Fengate. Scotland Yard detective Richard Jury's investigation becomes problematic when his former lover Jenny Kennington turns into the prime suspect in both crimes. Some strong language. 1997.

Brontë RC 45974
by Glyn Hughes
read by Jim Zeiger
4 cassettes
From this fictional account of the Brontë family emerge individual portraits of Charlotte, Emily, and Anne; their brother, Branwell; and their father, Patrick, who outlived them all. The author depicts the unhealthy Yorkshire village where the Brontës lived in the mid-nineteenth century and how the region's natural beauty and social values influenced the daughters' writing. 1996.

Angel Maker: The Short Stories of Sara Maitland RC 45978
by Sara Maitland
read by Pam Ward
3 cassettes
In this collection of thirty short stories are witches, demons, mothers, mothers-to-be, a conquistador, and ordinary humans. The title tale relates "Hansel and Gretel" from the well-intentioned witch's perspective—as a midwife and abortionist. The last selection is an homage to several kindly witches who befriended a hostile child. 1996.

The Secret of the Bulls RC 45986
by José Raúl Bernardo
read by Gabriella Cavallero
3 cassettes
In Cuban society of the early 1900s, when machismo was the prevailing force, Dolores defies her father to marry Maximiliano, the man of her choice. Gustavo, her son, in his turn ignores the masculine code of honor by continuing to love his adulterous wife. The characters make decisions by the heart and not the mind. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Dust Devil RC 45987
by Rebecca Brandewyne
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
Renzo Cassavettes's difficult childhood was brightened only by the happy memory of watching a butterfly emerge from its cocoon and by his friendship with Sarah Kincaid. Now, twelve years after Renzo fled town accused of murder, his return to claim Sarah reignites an old hatred in the real killer. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. 1996.

Winter Fire RC 45990
by Elizabeth Lowell
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
Sarah Kennedy has suffered a lot. Now she hopes she, her younger brother Conner, Big Lola (a former prostitute), and Ute, an outlaw Indian, can live peacefully in Utah's stone canyons while she searches for a hidden treasure. But Sarah's quiet life is shattered when the Culpepper gang arrives, and then Case Maxwell shows up badly wounded. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Mark of the Assassin RC 46012
by Daniel Silva
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
An Arab terrorist shoots down a commercial plane near Long Island, conveniently advancing a business scheme to manufacture antimissile systems. But CIA agent Michael Osbourne takes serious personal risks to try to learn who was really responsible for the attack. Some violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Public Secrets RC 46013
by Nora Roberts
read by Michele Schaeffer
3 cassettes
As the illegitimate daughter of a famous rock star, Emma McAvoy grew up in the public eye. But she has always felt guilty about her infant half-brother's death when she was six. Suspicions fell on someone close to the family, but Emma was the only witness to the crime, so the killer bides his time, hoping she won't remember the truth. Some violence. Bestseller 1990.

Charming Billy RC 46014
by Alice McDermott
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Billy Lynch's family and friends join his widow in a Bronx pub for his wake. At one end of the long table, the discussion turns to the story surrounding a much-younger Billy's love for an Irish woman, whose long-ago death possibly drove Billy to his own death by alcohol. Bestseller 1998.

Sudden Mischief RC 46015
by Robert B. Parker
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
Spenser agrees to help his girlfriend Susan's ex-husband, Brad Sterling, fight a sexual harassment case. But Spenser discovers that Sterling is fleecing the charities he runs fundraisers for and that he's in debt to the mob. Then Sterling disappears and people start dying. In the midst of it all, Susan and Spenser try to make sense of their relationship. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Smithsonian Institution RC 46016
by Gore Vidal
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
In 1939 "T," a thirteen-year-old math whiz, is called to the Smithsonian Institution, where he befriends several historical figures who come alive after closing time. Anticipating his own death in battle at Iwo Jima, "T" changes the past in an effort to prevent World War II. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Andorra RC 46038
by Peter Cameron
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
After a personal tragedy, Alex Fox leaves San Francisco to begin a new life in the small European country of Andorra. As soon as he arrives, he falls in love with two women. His luck turns after several people are murdered, when the police become suspicious of Fox and confiscate his passport. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Road Home: Guardians of the Flame, Book 7 RC 46043
by Joel Rosenberg
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
Young Jason Cullinane feels obliged to find his friend Mikyn, who is "doing some horrible things," and stop him. Jason enlists the help of the dwarf Ahira to face the dangers ahead and leaves Walter Slovotsky to face a midlife crisis. Sequel to *The Road to Ehvenor (RC 39824)*. Some strong language. 1995.

Paper Fish RC 46044
by Tina De Rosa
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
The story of an Italian extended family in an ethnic neighborhood of Chicago in the 1940s and 1950s. Marco, a policeman, and his Lithuanian American wife have two daughters. The older, Doriana, is beautiful but mute. The younger, Carmolina, loves her sister so much that she runs away when the family discusses institutionalizing Doriana. 1996.

Sharp Edges RC 46066
by Jayne Ann Krentz
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Pretending to be lovers on vacation, Eugenia Swift, director of the Leabrook Glass Museum, and Cyrus Colfax, a private investigator, travel to Glass House on Frog Cove Island, near Seattle. They are on separate missions and are looking for two killers, but soon part of their ruse becomes a reality. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Secret Prey RC 46129
by John Sandford
read by David Palmer
3 cassettes
Fighting off depression after his breakup with his fiancée over the violent case in *Sudden Prey (RC 42043)*, Minneapolis cop Lucas Davenport throws himself into his latest investigation. A bank executive has been shot, and his murder may be linked to past deaths. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Split Image RC 46148
by Ron Faust
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
While hunting, Andrew Neville murders an apparent stranger in a dispute over a deer carcass. When he discovers that the victim was an old theater colleague, Neville insinuates himself into the family of the deceased, even adopting his persona. The impersonation leads to Neville's undoing. Strong language and violence. 1997.

The Gates of Twilight RC 46149
by Paula Volsky
read by Kristin Allison
3 cassettes
The land of Aveshq is smoldering under occupation by the foreign Vonahrish and imposed religion. A young civil servant of mixed blood confronts the high priest of the Aoun-Father cult, barely escaping. He meets a local princess who confirms his knowledge of religious secrets, but then she falls into the priest's power. 1996.

Night of the Panther RC 46153
by E.C. Ayres
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
When her cousin, a wildlife officer, is murdered in the Florida swamps, police detective Lena Bedrosian calls in her friend, private investigator Tony Lowell. Lowell is soon immersed in the world of poachers, local militia, and crooked politicians willing to sell off state property. Some strong language and violence. 1997.

Dairy Queen Days RC 46155
by Robert Inman
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Sixteen-year-old Trout Moseley's world is upended when his mother is institutionalized in Atlanta and his preacher father is transferred to his hometown of Moseley, Georgia. There, Trout learns of his family's legacy as town founders and chief employers while he struggles to come to terms with his new life. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

The Serpentine Cave RC 46156
by Jill Paton Walsh
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
When Stella, an artist, suffers a stroke and can no longer speak, it is too late for her daughter Marian to ask her questions about the past. After Stella's death, Marian tries to learn the identity of her father, with only a painting of him as a clue. 1997.

A Classic Christmas Crime RC 46158
edited by Tim Heald
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Thirteen mysteries by different authors. The selections vary in location, theme, and type of murder, but all take place at Christmastime. In "Political Corrections," an editor objects to almost every word of a 1930s manuscript. In "A Card or a Kitten," a middle-aged playboy buys jewelry from a "loose woman." 1995.

The Carriage Stone RC 46162
by Sigbjørn Hølmebakk
read by David Hartley-Margolin
1 cassette
A chance encounter between two Norwegians, a Communist novelist and a former Lutheran pastor, leads the pastor to confide his life story and his spiritual struggles to the writer. The pastor confronts philosophical issues concerning betrayal, death, and the crux of faith. 1996.

Elsewhere RC 46165
by Will Shetterly
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Teenage runaway Ron Starbuck searches for his brother Tony in Bordertown. There magic and science clash while humans and elves mingle in a dangerous street society. Ron lands a job in Elsewhere, a bookstore crossing Faerie and World, but becomes involved with halfie Mooner, who betrays him. Then an elf turns Ron into a wolfboy. Prequel to *Nevernever (RC 46166)*. Some violence. For senior high readers. 1991.

Message in a Bottle RC 46179
by Nicholas Sparks
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Beautiful single mother Theresa Osborne, a syndicated columnist, is vacationing at Cape Cod. Finishing an early morning jog on the beach, she finds a corked bottle with a love letter to an elusive Catherine from Garrett. Believ-

ing that Garrett is a sensitive and caring man, Theresa decides to find him. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Swimming to Catalina RC 46180
by Stuart Woods
read by Christopher Walker
2 cassettes
Ex-policeman-turned-investigator Stone Barrington heads to Los Angeles to search for his kidnapped ex-girlfriend, Arrington. Only a few weeks before, she had unexpectedly left Stone to marry a famous movie star. Now that she is missing, Stone hurries to Hollywood. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Ghost Country RC 46182
by Sara Paretsky
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
Among Chicago's homeless and mentally ill population appears a mysterious woman who cures all their ills and unhappiness. The saved include the granddaughter of a famous surgeon, an ex-prima donna, and a woman who sees the Virgin Mary's blood on a hotel wall. 1998.

A Patchwork Planet RC 46222
by Anne Tyler
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Thirty-year-old Barnaby Gaitlin is the black sheep of his genteel Baltimore family, who attribute their successes to advice from a series of angels. After a youth of petty crime, Barnaby now works for Rent-a-Back doing chores for elderly people. On the train to visit his young daughter, Barnaby thinks he has finally met his own angel. Bestseller 1998.

With This Ring RC 46223
by Amanda Quick
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Beatrice Poole, an early nineteenth-century novelist, takes up the search for the Forbidden Rings of Aphrodite following the suspicious death of her Uncle Reggie, who supposedly had the rings. She arrives at Monkcrest Abbey hoping for help from "mad monk" Leo Drake. As their mysterious search continues, they begin to fall in love. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Toxin RC 46224
by Robin Cook
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
Dr. Kim Reggis, a cardiac surgeon, ruminates about the merger of his hospital with a cost-cutting medical corporation. When his daughter contracts *E. coli* poisoning after eating an undercooked hamburger, Reggis is infuriated that the new administration considers lifesaving tests too costly. He begins a clandestine investigation of the meat industry. Bestseller 1998.

About a Boy RC 46225
by Nick Hornby
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
Wealthy lothario Will Lightman poses as a single father in order to meet attractive single mothers. His deception, however, goes awry when he becomes emotionally involved with a suicidal woman and her troubled twelve-year-old son. Strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Paradise RC 46272
by Toni Morrison
read by Peter Jay Fernandez
3 cassettes
In 1976, nine men from an African American town in Oklahoma assault a former convent, the refuge of four female outcasts. The multilayered stories of the women, men, and town culminate in this attack, intended to purge and protect the community. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

Train Whistle Guitar RC 46275
by Albert Murray
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
Growing up in the 1920s' deep South is an adventure to Scooter and his friends. Listening to the storytelling of family and friends and the guitar playing of Luzana Cholly encourage Scooter to get out into the world and move up North where there are all sorts of possibilities. Prequel to *The Spyglass Tree (RC 46274)*. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1974.

Buchanan Gets Mad RC 46291
by Jonas Ward
read by John Stratton
1 cassette
Tom Buchanan rides into the town of Salvation in search of a horse doctor. He encounters a strange place run by a crazy preacher-turned-sheriff, who terrorizes the town's residents. Even though he tries not to stir up trouble, Buchanan has to rescue two women from the sheriff's clutches. Violence and some strong language. 1958.

Bag of Bones RC 46711
by Stephen King
read by Gary Roan
4 cassettes
Author Mike Noonan has suffered from writer's block since the sudden death of his wife, Jo. Hoping that the move to their summer house in Maine will ease his nightmares and misery, Mike befriends young Mattie Devore and her three-year-old daughter, Kyra. While helping Mattie fight for custody of Kyra, Mike is plagued by ghosts. Strong language, descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

Say It with Music: A Story about Irving Berlin RC 44987
by Tom Streissguth
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
The story of Israel Baline, who at the age of five, in 1893, came to America

with his family and began his music career singing as he sold newspapers in the streets of New York's Lower East Side. Baline, who would change his name to Irving Berlin, became one of the country's best-loved songwriters. His music includes "God Bless America" and "White Christmas." For grades 3-6. 1994.

Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille RC 44992
by Russell Freedman
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
Louis Braille accidentally blinded himself with one of his father's tools when he was three years old. In 1819, at the age of ten, Braille began attending the Royal National Institute for Blind Youth in Paris, where, by the age of fifteen, he had developed a system of raised dots for reading and writing that is now used worldwide by blind people. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1997.

Lou Gehrig RC 45752
by Norman L. Macht
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
A portrait of baseball's legendary "Iron Horse," who set more than twenty major league records and had a lifetime batting average of .340. Describes his athletic youth and his fourteen-year career with the New York Yankees, which ended suddenly in 1939 after he was stricken with an incurable disease. For grades 6-9. 1993.

Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero RC 45754
by James Cross Giblin
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
A portrait of the aviation hero who in 1927 made the first nonstop transatlantic flight. Traces his daredevil youth, his early days of flying, his family life and the tragic kidnapping of his son, his isolationist stand in World War II, and his later life. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey RC 45779
by Rosemary Sutcliff
read by Peter Gil
1 cassette
The story of the Greek hero Odysseus, who, after successfully capturing Troy, endures nineteen years of perils returning home to Ithaca. Odysseus encounters the Cyclops and the Enchantress as well as sea disasters. Upon reaching his kingdom, Odysseus discovers that suitors have taken over his house in attempt to marry his wife, Penelope, and gain his kingdom. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1995.

***A Suitcase of Seaweed* and Other Poems RC 45788**
by Janet S. Wong
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Thirty-six poems divided into three categories—"Korean Poems," "Chinese Poems," and "American Poems"—that reflect the author's heritage. Wong shares insights into Asian American experiences in such poems as "Acupuncture," "Koreatown," "Tea Ceremony," "Manners," "Face It," and "Money Order." For grades 3-6. 1996.

They Shaped the Game: Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, and Jackie Robinson RC 45803
by William Jay Jacobs
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
Brief biographies of three players who shaped the game of baseball. The author describes how each player influ-

enced the sport in different ways. Ruth was a gifted, natural athlete; Cobb worked hard to achieve fame; while Robinson became a symbol for the future. Portrays the personality of each player as well as his accomplishments. For grades 5-8. 1994.

The Tiger's Eye, the Bird's Fist: A Beginner's Guide to the Martial Arts
RC 45884
by Louise Rafkin
read by Richard Hauenstein
1 cassette
Discusses the history, philosophy, traditions, and techniques of the ancient art of self-defense. Describes modern varieties of martial arts and profiles champion fighters. Encourages practicing nonviolence and using defensive techniques responsibly. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills (and What the Neighbors Thought)
RC 45894
by Kathleen Krull
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
Portraits of twenty well-known athletes, filled with information about their childhood and how they handled fame and fortune. Includes Jim Thorpe, Babe Ruth, Sonja Henie, Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe, and Bruce Lee. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Bubblemania: A Chewy History of Bubble Gum RC 45913
by Lee Wardlaw
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Presents the history of chewing gum from the early varieties of two thousand years ago to the discovery of bubble gum in 1928. Describes the subsequent gum industry. Includes chapters on chewing etiquette, tips for blowing big bubbles, and tips for removing gum from places it should not be, like your shoes, clothes, or hair. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Lucretia Mott: A Guiding Light
RC 46028
by Jennifer Fisher Bryant
read by MaryBeth Wise
1 cassette
Biography of the Quaker minister, abolitionist, and feminist who became a leading advocate of the antislavery movement during the early nineteenth century. She continued her fight for social equality by organizing the first women's rights convention in 1850. For grades 6-9. 1996.

Warriors, Warthogs, and Wisdom: Growing Up in Africa RC 46058
by Lyall Watson
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Remembering his boyhood on a South African farm in the 1940s, Watson tells about the people and wildlife. He describes his walks with Jabula, the Zulu warrior who saved his life and taught him to eat caterpillars; Ouma, his wise grandmother, who rescued a stork and drove a red motorcycle; and Hoover, his pet warthog, who captured two poachers. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Author: A True Story RC 46144
by Helen Lester
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Helen Lester, the author of several children's books including *Me First (RC 37139)* describes how she began her career. She always liked to write, but it took seven tries to have her first book published. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

Traveling Backward RC 44400
by Toby Forward
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
Fanny's obnoxious relatives have gathered in her house because her beloved grandfather is dying upstairs. Grieving, Fanny visits her unusual neighbor Mrs. May, who gives Fanny a potion to stop her grandfather from dying. For grades 4-6. 1992.

Finders RC 44781
by Jan Dean
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
An adopted child, Helen, ponders the definition of family. Through her "finding" power, a supernatural gift bequeathed by her grandfather, Helen meets an intriguing stranger and almost dies. She learns to value a faithful friend and finally realizes what family means. For grades 6 to 9. 1993.

Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story RC 44783
by Mary Downing Hahn
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
When Andrew Tyler arrives to spend the summer at his great-grandfather's house, the old man seems to mistake him for someone else. In the attic, Andrew finds a picture of a relative who looks just like him, has his name, and dies as a boy in 1910. That night the boy appears in Andrew's room and convinces him to trade places so the boy's diphtheria can be cured by modern medicine. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Shiloh Season RC 44980
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by M.E. DePalma
1 cassette
It's been a month since Marty adopted his mistreated beagle, Shiloh, from his neighbor Judd. The only problem is that Judd now wants the dog back. How can Marty convince Judd to leave Shiloh alone? Sequel to *Shiloh (RC 35064)*. For grades 4-7. 1996.

The Car RC 44997
by Gary Paulsen
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
At fourteen, Terry Anders is alone: he awoke one morning to find both parents gone. Terry assembles a car kit his father owned, and soon he is headed to Oregon in search of an uncle. Before going far, Terry is joined by a Vietnam vet and later the vet's friend. The two adults mentor Terry as they travel America. For grades 6-9. 1994.

The Moorchild RC 45148
by Eloise McGraw
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Her father was human and her mother was Folk (a kingdom of small people who live under the moor), and that makes Moql an outcast in both groups. The Folk raise Moql until they realize she is part human. Then they exchange Moql for a human child in the village. As Moql becomes aware of her true identity, she wonders how to right the wrong of being a changeling. For grades 4-7. Newbery Honor Book 1996.

The Invisible Dog RC 45174
by Dick King-Smith
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
Seven-year-old Janie was only two when the family Great Dane, Rupert, died. Her father refuses her pleas for another dog because of the expense. So when Janie finds Rupert's large collar and leash in the garage, she pretends she has an invisible Great Dane named Henry. But her elderly neighbor sees Henry, too! For grades 2-4. 1993.

Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered RC 45249
by Gary Paulsen
read by Michael Kramer
1 cassette
In the 1950s, two boys on a farm find all kinds of trouble and adventure. Told by one boy, whose parents are drunk a lot, the story begins when he goes to stay with his cousin Harris's family. The first day, he gets kicked in the groin and head by a demonic cow, battles a manic rooster, wrestles a pig in manure, rides monstrous horses, loses a bout with a lynx, and eats around twenty meals. Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1993.

Starring Mirette and Bellini RC 45360
by Emily Arnold McCully
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
Now that Mirette has become an expert at walking on the high wire, she and Bellini have begun performing together. After traveling all over Europe, they receive an invitation to perform in Russia. But an unfortunate incident puts Bellini in prison. Only Mirette can save him, by using a new skill Bellini has taught her. Sequel to *Mirette on the High Wire (RC 36482)*. For grades K-3. 1997.

Older Brother, Younger Brother: A Korean Folktale RC 45393
by Nina Jaffe
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
In this Korean tale, Nolbu cruelly turns his younger brother, Hungbu, out of the house after their father's death. Hungbu mends the wing of an injured bird and is rewarded with prosperity for his kindness. The loutish Nolbu mistreats another bird and reaps a horrible punishment. For grades K-3. 1995.

The Iron Ring RC 45467
by Lloyd Alexander
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
Dharma—a code of honor—in the mythical Indian kingdom of Sundari is the compelling force that shapes young King Tamar's karma, or fate. A game of chance with the mysterious Maharaja Jaya leaves Tamar with an iron ring on his finger and the obligation to journey to Jaya's distant kingdom. Tamar embarks on an amazing series of adventures to fulfill his destiny. For grades 5-8. 1997.

The Legend of Annie Murphy: The Cooper Kids Adventure, Book 7 RC 45725
by Frank E. Peretti
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
One hundred years after her death, Annie Murphy still "appears" in the old mining town of Bodine, Arizona. Dr. Jacob Cooper and his teenage children, Jay and Lila, have been asked to investigate these sightings. But they find themselves involved in a murder mystery and caught between the past and the pres-

ent. Sequel to *The Deadly Curse of Toco-Rey (RC 45724)*. For grades 5-8. 1996.

White Water RC 45782
by P.J. Petersen
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
While taking a white-water rafting trip with his father and stepbrother, Greg faces the greatest challenge of his young life when his father is bitten by a rattlesnake. The two boys must navigate the rough rapids in a race against time to get medical care. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Fire Pony RC 45791
by Rodman Philbrick
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
Roy, an eleven-year-old orphan, and his older brother Joe drive west, away from an arson scene, in search of work on a horse ranch. When they are hired at the Bar None, Roy finds a new home and the pony of his dreams, while Joe struggles with his incendiary urges. For grades 4-7. 1996.

A Girl Named Disaster RC 45799
by Nancy Farmer
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Eleven-year-old Nhamo flees from her village in Mozambique to avoid an arranged marriage. Traveling by canoe to her father's family home in Zimbabwe, Nhamo endures incredible hardships but has her mother's spirit to guide her. For grades 6-9. 1996.

Belle Prater's Boy RC 45802
by Ruth White
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
When twelve-year-old Woodrow Prater's mother, Belle, mysteriously vanishes from the family's Appalachian shack, Woodrow moves into town to live with his grandparents. Beautiful next-door cousin Gypsy first seeks to discover cross-eyed Woodrow's secret and then comes to respect him for who he is. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor Book 1996.

Amanda Pig, Schoolgirl RC 45806
by Jean Van Leeuwen
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Amanda Pig has been waiting to start school her whole life. When the day finally arrives, she is very happy and excited. But the little pig sitting next to her on the bus does not seem happy at all, and Amanda Pig is determined to cheer her up. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

Search for the Shadowman RC 45899
by Joan Lowery Nixon
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
When twelve-year-old Andy Thomas interviews his relatives for a family history assignment, he discovers a long-hidden scandal. Generations before, his ancestor Coley Joe Bonner supposedly ran away with his father's money. Andy's great-aunt refuses to discuss it, but after seeing a photo of Coley, Andy is determined to clear Coley's name. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Sarny: A Life Remembered RC 45906
by Gary Paulsen
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Nightjohn (RC 38431)*, Sarny is freed by Union soldiers and leaves the plantation to find her children. Discovering that they were sent to New Orleans to be sold, Sarny journeys

there. Finding employment, she reclaims her children and continues to teach people how to read. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Ghost Train RC 46049
by Paul Yee
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Although born with one arm in the nineteenth century, young Choon-yi becomes a remarkable artist. One day her father, who left China to work on the railroads of North America, sends for her to join him. When she arrives, Choon-yi learns her father has died, but in her dreams he instructs her to complete a painting. For grades 2-4. 1996.

On Guard RC 46052
by Donna Jo Napoli
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
When Mikey from *When the Water Closes over My Head (RC 39779)* sees a demonstration in fencing, he decides it's the sport that will make him stand out in his family and qualify him for one of the weekly Olympic medals given out by his fourth grade teacher. For grades 4-6. 1997.

Nasty, Stinky Sneakers RC 46059
by Eve Bunting
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
The Slam Dunkers sneakers company is having a contest, and the person with the stinkiest sneakers will win three pairs of its popular brand. Ten-year-old Colin knows he has a great chance of winning. After careful handling, his sneakers are so foul his mother makes him leave them in the hall outside their apartment. Then, the day before the contest, someone steals Colin's shoes! For grades 4-7. 1994.

Stones in Water RC 46143
by Donna Jo Napoli
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Roberto, a gondolier's son in World War II Italy, tells how he and his Jewish friend Samuele were captured and sent to forced-labor camps in Germany and the Ukraine. After Samuele is killed, Roberto escapes from the camp but still faces many dangers. Finding a boat on the river solves only part of his problem of survival. Violence. For grades 5-8. 1997.

School Isn't Fair! RC 46146
by Patricia Baehr
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
Four-year-old Edward doesn't think school is fair. Donny likes to knock him down. During story time, Edward can't see the pictures in the book. And at snack time, Linda spills juice all over him. But when it is time to go home, he finds something he can do better than anyone else. For preschool-grade 2. 1989.

Harry the Poisonous Centipede: A Story to Make You Squirm RC 46160
by Lynne Reid Banks
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Harry, a young centipede, has been warned by his mother not to go above ground, especially up the "up-pipe" that leads to the home of "hoo-mins." But an emergency sends Harry and his friend George scurrying up the dangerous pipe. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Leaving Fishers RC 46161
by Margaret Peterson Haddix
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
In her junior year of high school, Dorry's parents relocate to a strange city. Away from her friends and extended family, Dorry is miserable until a group of students befriend her. Gradually Dorry becomes deeply involved in their Christian sect, letting her family life and grades deteriorate. Only after a crisis does Dorry realize that she had joined a cult. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Silverwing RC 46163
by Kenneth Oppel
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes
In the Silverwing bat colony, Shade—the runt of the newborns—has an enormous sense of curiosity that endangers the entire colony. When he is lost in a storm during a migration, his adventures in the larger world begin. Shade wants to learn about the disappearance of his father, why some bats have metal bands, and how to return to his mother in the colony. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Me and My Little Brain RC 46284
by John D. Fitzgerald
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
J.D. wants to be as crafty as his older brother Tom, who is known as "The Great Brain." Although J.D.'s money-making schemes fail miserably, his little brain does figure out how to rescue his adopted younger brother from a desperate outlaw. For grades 4-7. 1971.

The Boggart and the Monster RC 46299
by Susan Cooper
read by John Horton
1 cassette
In this companion to *The Boggart (RC 36547)*, the Volniks return to Scotland to visit Castle Keep, which they sold to Mr. Maconochie. When Mr. Maconochie travels with Emily and Jessup Volnik to Loch Ness, the Boggart tags along, hiding in the camping gear. Soon he feels a connection to his cousin Nessie, and strange things begin to happen. For grades 4-7. 1997.

My Home Is over Jordan RC 46301
by Sandra Forrester
read by Robin Miles
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Sound the Jubilee (RC 42885)*, Maddie Henry and her family travel inland from the Civil War sanctuary of Roanoke Island searching for a homestead. They adopt an orphaned little girl along the way and, later, learn of a sympathetic farmer willing to sell to them and to stand against the prejudiced former slave owners. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Jubilee Journey RC 46308
by Carolyn Meyer
read by Saidah Arrika Ekulona
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *White Lilacs (RC 45542)*, thirteen-year-old Emily Rose travels to Texas with her mother and two brothers to visit her great-grandmother Rose Lee. Emily Rose and her brothers are biracial. They are both curious and dismayed with some of the events that occur in their black family's hometown. Some violence. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Popol Wuj: Antiguas Historias de los Indios Quichés de Guatemala
RC 43979
editado por Albertina Saravia
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
La autora guatemalteca presenta historias adaptadas del *Popol Wuj (El Libro del Pueblo)*, que es el testamento antiguo de los indios Quichés de Guatemala. Este libro narra la mitología precolombiana de los pueblos Quiché y Maya incluyendo relatos acerca de la creación del mundo, historias de dioses y héroes y creencias religiosas. (The Guatemalan author presents adapted and revised stories from Popol Wuj (The Book of the People). They relate the pre-Colombian mythology of the Quiché and Mayan people about the creation of the world, their gods and heroes, and their religious beliefs.) 1992.

La Guagua Aérea RC 43982
por Luis Rafael Sánchez
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
Antología de poemas, cuentos y entrevistas del autor puertorriqueño que evocan la cultura y la vida isleñas. El poema "La Guagua Aérea" pinta la ambivalencia y la angustia de los puertorriqueños que abandonan su tierra natal travesando el mar para vivir en Nueva York. (Collection of poems, short stories, and interviews by the Puerto Rican author that evoke Puerto Rican culture and life. The title poem depicts the ambivalence and anguish of Puerto Ricans who leave their island home and travel across the ocean to live in New York.) 1994.

Vista del Amanecer en el Trópico
RC 43983
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Indiana	Indianapolis	800-622-4970	(317) 232-3684
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In Brief

NLS Focuses on Digital Book Technology

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) continues its major development program on digital technology. Several efforts are underway:

- A project to place 2,500 braille books in digitally accessible format on the Internet for use by NLS patrons;
- Under the auspices of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), a prototype electronic coding of the text of a book using draft NISO Digital Talking Book standards;
- Installation of the first digital audio duplicating and archiving system at an NLS facility; and
- Development of a digital recording system at the NLS Recording Studio.

In July 1998 NLS published a comprehensive paper, *Digital Talking Books: Planning for the Future,* that outlines the steps required for NLS to move its national library service into digital format. The paper is available in large print from the NLS Reference Section, Washington, DC 20542 and may be accessed online from the NLS web site, www.loc.gov/nls

Scourby Awards Announced

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) presented its thirteenth Alexander Scourby Narrator of the Year Awards to honor excellence in talking-book narration. AFB awarded prizes to narrators for three categories: fiction, nonfiction, and periodicals. The award-winning narrators are Robert Blumen-

feld, AFB, for fiction; Lisette Lecat, AFB, for nonfiction; and Butch Hoover, American Printing House for the Blind, for periodicals. The annual Scourby Award was established in 1986 in memory of the popular talking-book narrator who died in 1985.

Books for Adults

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including biographies, classics, gothics, mysteries, romances, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

Cassettes Nonfiction

Many Happy Returns: The Lives of Edgar Cayce RC 38828
by W.H. Church
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Based on actual life readings by Edgar Cayce, the book traces the various supposed incarnations through the centuries of the soul-entity of this Virginia Beach psychic. 1984.

Foreign Language Books 1993 RC 39961
by National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress
read by various narrators
2 cassettes
A cumulative catalog of 570 braille and talking books produced by NLS in Spanish and 214 talking books produced by NLS in Cambodian, French, German, Italian, Laotian, Polish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. Includes a multilingual foreword followed by tone-indexed sections for each language. Each section contains an introduction and a listing of the titles annotated in the respective language. 1994.

Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living RC 43537
by Charles R. Swindoll
read by Paul Baker
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A Protestant preacher with a radio ministry reflects on the Gospel verse Mark 10:45, which deals with Jesus' service to others. How Christians can serve and give to others in their daily lives is the topic under discussion. 1981.

The Odyssey RC 43541
by Homer
read by Alexander Scourby
3 cassettes (Reissue)
A Greek epic poem attributed to Homer recounts the adventures of Odysseus during his ten-year journey home to Ithaca after the Trojan War. This translation by Robert Fitzgerald won the 1961 Bollingen Award for the best translation of a poem into English. 1961.

A Raisin in the Sun: A Drama in Three Acts RC 43547
by Lorraine Hansberry
read by Michelle Shay
1 cassette (Reissue)
A middle-class black family in Chicago, torn by tensions and discontent, suffer further when they receive a life insurance settlement. No one can agree on what should be done with the money. 1966.

F. Scott Fitzgerald: A Life in Letters RC 44279
by F. Scott Fitzgerald
read by Ted Stoddard
4 cassettes
Collection of Fitzgerald's correspondence portraying his life and work. The chronological arrangement of letters reflects his literary development through the years, his friendships with Hemingway and other writers, and his tragic marriage and personal life. 1994.

Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy! RC 44301
by Barbara Johnson
read by Anne Mullen
1 cassette
Collection of five short essays regarding a person's relationship with God. Within each essay are sayings upon which the article hinges. Johnson's adages include "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face" and "If there is no control, there is no responsibility." 1993.

Showdown: The Struggle between the Gingrich Congress and the Clinton White House RC 44639
by Elizabeth Drew
read by Barbara Rappaport
4 cassettes
This sequel to *On the Edge (RC 40208)* chronicles the confrontations between President Bill Clinton and the new Republican Congress during 1995. The Washington commentator presents an insider's view on major issues, as well as the strategies, conflicts, and events that played out around them. 1996.

Doing Battle: The Making of a Skeptic RC 44787
by Paul Fussell
read by Dick Jenkins
2 cassettes
Memoirs of a literary scholar describing his experience as a young soldier in World War II. Fussell expounds on the everlasting impact the war had on his psyche and delivers excoriating commentary on many subjects. Some violence and some strong language. 1996.

Saints and Strangers: Being the Lives of the Pilgrim Fathers and Their Families, with Their Friends and Foes; and an Account of Their Posthumous Wanderings in Limbo, Their Final Resurrection and Rise RC 44888
by George F. Willison
read by Annie Wauters
4 cassettes
This account of the founding of the Plymouth Colony portrays the Pilgrims as complex human beings. Includes a list of all persons in the Pilgrim Company, as well as the officers of the Old Colony and of the Pilgrim Church. 1945.

Adventures of a Verbivore RC 44990
by Richard Lederer
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
The author of *Anguished English (RC 33613)* continues his explorations of the English language using word games and puns. Included are examples of Yiddish, black English, and British

uses in what purports to be the same language. 1994.

The Welcome Table: African-American Heritage Cooking RC 45197
by Jessica B. Harris
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
Presents more than two hundred recipes along with historical information about cookery from around the country. Besides traditional ingredients, suggests healthy substitutes to guard against hypertension. Also includes a glossary and a list of favorite restaurants and mail-order sources. 1995.

Brass-Pounders: Young Telegraphers of the Civil War RC 45263
by Alvin Fay Harlow
read by Robert Donley
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Activities and anecdotes of the teenage boys who worked as telegraph operators during the Civil War, who faced all the risks of battle even though they were civilians. 1962.

The Seagull: A Comedy in Four Acts RC 45266
by Anton Chekhov
read by Alexander Scourby
1 cassette (Reissue)
A nineteenth-century play that is a study of frustration and unfulfilled ambitions associated with the deterioration of a class of Russian society. 1986.

Villages RC 45270
by Richard Critchfield
read by Gordon Gould
3 cassettes (Reissue)
In the tradition of the traveler-story-teller-amateur anthropologist, an award-winning American journalist describes the Third World villages he experienced during the 1970s. Among the countries he visited were Brazil, Morocco, Sudan, Nepal, the Philippines, Vietnam, Iran, India, Egypt, and China. 1981.

Man on the Flying Trapeze: The Life and Times of W.C. Fields RC 45324
by Simon Louvish
read by Gary Telles
4 cassettes
A portrait of comedy's bibulous curmudgeon, W.C. Fields. Traces the career of the juggler and comic misanthrope from burlesque and vaudeville to radio and the movies. Debunks myths that Fields had a Dickensian childhood and that his tombstone reads "I'd rather be in Philadelphia." 1997.

Just as I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham RC 45546
by Billy Graham
read by Don Feldheim
6 cassettes
Famed minister reminisces about his evangelical work around the globe. The author also details Graham's close relationships with world leaders, including U.S. presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton. Graham portrays the illuminating effect he felt his ministry made during his more than fifty years of service. 1997.

John Wayne's America: The Politics of Celebrity RC 45616
by Garry Wills
read by Gary Roan
3 cassettes
A portrait of a favorite movie star who came to symbolize the virile American frontiersman. Traces Wayne's film career, the development of his public image, and his evolution as a model of patriotism, responsibility, and self-reliance. Assesses the actor's impact on society. 1997.

Billions and Billions: Thoughts on Life and Death at the Brink of the Millennium RC 45617
by Carl Sagan
read by Bob Kuhn
2 cassettes
This final book by the noted scientist relates scientific and mathematical principles to abortion, AIDS, nuclear war, global warming, and other public-policy issues. Sagan argues that moral codes and civic responsibility are imperative to survival in the new millennium. 1997.

The Trials of Maria Barbella: The True Story of a 19th-Century Crime of Passion RC 45618
by Idanna Pucci
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Recounts the celebrated case of Maria Barbella, a young Italian immigrant woman who was convicted of murder and sentenced to die in New York's electric chair in 1895. The condemned woman's cause was taken up by an Italian-American socialite, who won her a retrial that ended in Barbella's acquittal. Violence. 1996.

Vodka, Tears, and Lenin's Angel: My Adventures in the Wild and Woolly Former Soviet Union RC 45646
by Jennifer Gould
read by Mary Kane
4 cassettes
A young female journalist writes vivid accounts of daily events in the former Soviet Union during her three-year stay in the early 1990s. Finding an apartment in Moscow; interviewing the famous, the infamous, and even the nameless; and traveling through the countryside all provide the insights she shares about the political and social situation. 1997.

The Gene Wars: Science, Politics, and the Human Genome RC 45649
by Robert Cook-Deegan
read by Michael Consoli
4 cassettes
Chronicles the history of the Human Genome Project, which seeks to map all of the genes in human DNA. Discusses the scientific origins of the project, the political struggles that shaped it, and the bureaucratic organization that was established to carry it out. Examines pertinent ethical, social, and legal issues. 1994.

Life in a Day RC 45722
by Doris Grumbach
read by Barbara Rappaport
1 cassette
An author chronicles her thoughts and activities on an ordinary day at home on the Maine coast. She ruminates on her youth and past travels and on good books as she battles the writer's tendency to procrastinate. A scathing review of her new novel brings her to acknowledge the pain of rejection. 1996.

The Death of Innocents RC 45751
by Richard Firstman and Jamie Talan
read by Mitzi Friedlander
6 cassettes
One at a time, five siblings died in their New York state home over the course of six years. The deaths were considered accidental and attributed to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) until, twenty years later, a dogged district attorney revisited the matter and convicted the mother of murdering her children. Strong language. 1997.

The Year the Dream Died: Revisiting 1968 in America RC 45763
by Jules Witcover
read by Lou Harpenau
5 cassettes
Chronicles events of 1968, a year marked by "violence, deception, and collective trauma." Recounts assassinations of public figures, the deteriorating war in Vietnam, and the urban riots that rocked the nation. Avers that this watershed period led to the demise of liberalism and the public's loss of faith in government. 1997.

Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls? The Search for the Secret of Qumran RC 45814
by Norman Golb
read by David Elias
4 cassettes
A scholarly inquiry into the origins of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the first of which was discovered in the Qumran caves in 1947. The author refutes the theory that scribes produced the scrolls in a local Essenean monastery and asserts that the manuscripts were transferred from Jerusalem when the city was under Roman siege. 1995.

Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963–65 RC 45816
by Taylor Branch
read by Ralph Lowenstein
6 cassettes
This second volume continues the narrative history of the civil rights movement in the United States begun in *Parting the Waters (RC 29759)*. Covers the pivotal years of 1963–1965, including the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Portrays Martin Luther King Jr. upholding the nonviolent movement. Bestseller 1998.

Gladstone: A Biography RC 45831
by Roy Jenkins
read by George Holmes
6 cassettes
Nineteenth-century British politician and statesman William Gladstone is described by a leading British politician of the twentieth century. Gladstone's four appointments as prime minister and sixty-three years in public office contrast with his well-known avocations, such as felling trees and trying to reform the lives of prostitutes. Winner of the Whitbread Prize for biography. Bestseller 1997.

The Serbs: History, Myth, and the Destruction of Yugoslavia RC 45833
by Tim Judah
read by Ken Kliban
3 cassettes
A historical account of the Serbs—their culture, traditions, politics, wars, and migrations. Depicts Serbian attitudes and struggles during medieval times and the centuries of Ottoman domination, through the World Wars, and in the brutal conflicts of the 1990s. Violence. 1997.

Simenon: A Biography RC 45836
by Pierre Assouline
read by Lewis Grenville
4 cassettes
Recounts the life of prolific French author Georges Simenon, best known in English for his Inspector Maigret mystery series, though he wrote pulp fiction under seventeen pseudonyms. Discusses his affair with Josephine Baker and describes him as a world traveler and bon vivant and as completely egocentric. 1992.

Jackie after Jack: Portrait of the Lady RC 45845
by Christopher Andersen
read by Barbara Caruso
3 cassettes
The life of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy after the assassination of her husband, John F. Kennedy. In this sequel to *Jack and Jackie (RC 42809)*, Andersen delves into her depression, second marriage, and romantic interests until her death in 1994. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

No Mercy: A Journey to the Heart of the Congo RC 45860
by Redmond O'Hanlon
read by Graeme Malcolm
4 cassettes
British naturalist O'Hanlon and American animal behaviorist Lary Shaffer travel to central Africa to learn the truth about a "dinosaur" that, according to local lore, lives in the region. Relates with humor and empathy the two men's experience of culture shock and jungle hardships and explores the complex beliefs of local inhabitants. Strong language. 1996.

London RC 45865
by John Russell
read by George Holmes
3 cassettes
Russell's personal tour of London. He calls on memories from the fifty years he lived there and presents the history of the city by way of its representation in works of art through the centuries. 1994.

Korolev: How One Man Masterminded the Soviet Drive to Beat America to the Moon RC 45876
by James Harford
read by Frank Coffee
4 cassettes
A portrait of the genius and driving force behind the Soviet space program, who developed that nation's first ballistic missile, Sputnik satellite, and manned space shot. Traces his startling ascent from prisoner in a Siberian gulag in the 1930s to mastermind of the Soviet space effort. 1997.

For Younger Readers: Braille and Talking Books, 1996–1997 RC 45880
by National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
read by Various Narrators
3 cassettes
Catalog of books for readers from preschool through grade nine produced in braille and cassette formats during 1996 and 1997. Nonfiction and fiction books are arranged under general subject headings. Also includes separate sections for PRINT/BRAILLE, very young readers, and young adults. 1998.

Help! My Apartment Has a Kitchen Cookbook: One-Hundred-Plus Great Recipes with Foolproof Instructions RC 45890
by Kevin Mills and Nancy Mills
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
Mills says he ate out a lot as a college student, until he drained his savings and was forced into the kitchen. In a panic, he called Mom for help. She compiled these simple recipes, with tips and warnings for preparing them. She provided suggestions for basic staples—

spices, canned goods, and utensils—to have on hand. 1996.

World War III: Population and the Biosphere at the End of the Millennium RC 45892
by Michael Tobias
read by Butch Hoover
5 cassettes
Tobias warns that the world's burgeoning human population is on a collision course with the biosphere—an impending disaster the author characterizes as World War III. He examines five regions where demographic pressures are notably egregious and proposes a "global truce" for reducing humankind's threat to nature. 1994.

Viral Sex: The Nature of AIDS RC 45898
by Jaap Goudsmit
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
A history of the AIDS epidemic by a leading researcher in the field. Tracing the origins of the virus from ancient times and its transfer from animals to humans in the twentieth century, the author maintains that disruptions of Africa's rain forests led to the global spread of the disease. He also speculates about the possible development of a vaccine against AIDS. 1997.

Watching My Language: Adventures in the Word Trade RC 45911
by William Safire
read by Barry Bernson
3 cassettes
A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist meditates on some of the newer words, phrases, euphemisms, colloquialisms, and other additions to modern language. Delves into the origin, meaning, and usage of such expressions as "get it?," "politically correct," and " . . . not." 1997.

My Vast Fortune: The Money Adventures of a Quixotic Capitalist RC 45915
by Andrew Tobias
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
Memoir of a noted entrepreneur and investment expert on achieving financial success. Recounts his personal crusades to reform auto insurance and to abolish smoking. Recommends specific "good spending and saving habits" for beginning investors. 1997.

The World of Benjamin Cardozo: Personal Values and the Judicial Process RC 45916
by Richard Polenberg
read by John Richardson
3 cassettes
Portrait of an eminent Supreme Court justice, whose rulings on a range of issues affected the course of American law. Traces his early life experiences, including his father's forced resignation from the New York Supreme Court; his own judicial service in that state; and his term on the nation's highest court. 1997.

The Appalachian Trail Reader RC 45920
edited by David Emblidge
read by Jack Fox
3 cassettes
A collection of travel diaries and registers, historical accounts, and other writings that portray the 2,140-mile recreational footpath running from Georgia to Maine. Traces the wilderness trail northward, depicting its history, geology, scenery, wildlife, and lore. 1996.

The War against Authority: From the Crisis of Legitimacy to a New Social Contract RC 45923
by Nicholas N. Kittrie
read by John Richardson
3 cassettes
A scholarly inquiry into the relationship between domestic disorder and the erosion of governmental power. Explores the inherent tensions between state authority and personal autonomy, using historical examples. Offers remedies for restoring legitimacy to government in the post-Cold War world. 1995.

A Woman's Guide to Coping with Disability RC 45924
by Resources for Rehabilitation
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
Information to help women maintain their independence, raise a family, and continue in a career despite physical challenges. Strategies for living with arthritis, diabetes, lupus, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, and spinal cord injury. Includes a list of national organizations that provide services for women. 1997.

Music, the Brain, and Ecstasy: How Music Captures Our Imagination RC 45925
by Robert Jourdain
read by Andy Chappell
3 cassettes
Using science, psychology, and philosophy, the author explains the evolution of sound in humans and the meaning of music. Uses historical anecdotes and different examples of common musical themes to explain the way music gives pleasure. 1997.

The Woven Figure: Conservatism and America's Fabric, 1994–1997 RC 45927
by George F. Will
read by Richard Hauenstein
3 cassettes
Essays on the "new political landscape" of modern America. The author observes and assesses society's diminished standards of civility and behavior, the reduced role of government, and how both liberals and conservatives are adapting to these circumstances. 1997.

Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis RC 45930
by Fred Saibil
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
A medical doctor who specializes in two chronic inflammatory bowel diseases discusses ways of coping with them. Includes symptoms, solutions, prognoses, and practical tips. Gives pros and cons of treatments involving drugs, diets, and surgeries. 1997.

Crime Victims' Guide to Justice RC 45931
by Mary L. Boland
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
A self-help guide to enable crime victims to understand the criminal justice system and exercise their legal rights. Discusses investigative techniques, trial procedures, damage recovery, plea bargains, and privacy issues. Includes samples of legal forms, summaries of state laws concerning victims' rights, and tips on legal research. 1997.

Mind-Body Deceptions: The Psychosomatics of Everyday Life RC 45937
by Steven L. Dubovsky
read by Kerry Cundiff
4 cassettes
Dr. Dubovsky explains how the mind and body help and also interfere with each other. Includes a discussion of depression, the immune system, cancer, and heart disease. Suggests how to use the mind to heal the body. 1997.

The Harlot by the Side of the Road: Forbidden Tales of the Bible RC 45959
by Jonathan Kirsch
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Readers don't often expect to find sex, violence, and scandal in the Bible, according to the author, and many religious authorities have ignored such passages. Kirsch retells several biblical tales and describes the social and political context of their time. Included are accounts of Lot and his family, Tamar and Judah, and Jephtha and his daughter. Bestseller 1997.

The Art of Scandal: The Life and Times of Isabella Stewart Gardner RC 45984
by Douglass Shand-Tucci
read by Kristin Allison
3 cassettes
In this biography the author states that Italy "became the golden thread that ran through Isabella's life." The inspiration for characters in several novels by Henry James, Gardner fell in love with Italian art when her parents took her to Rome and Milan in 1858. Upon her inheritance, she designed and built an Italian-style villa, now a museum, in Boston. 1997.

African Exodus: The Origins of Modern Humanity RC 45989
by Christopher Stringer and Robin McKie
read by John Rayburn
2 cassettes
Presents a theory of common racial heritage in the development of the human species based on fossil and genetic evidence. Posits that Homo erectus went extinct globally except in Africa where that form evolved into hominids, who eventually dispersed across the world. 1996.

In Search of Sugihara: The Elusive Japanese Diplomat Who Risked His Life to Rescue 10,000 Jews from the Holocaust RC 45991
by Hillel Levine
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Portrays the life of a Japanese diplomat who in 1940, as consul in Kovno, Lithuania, helped thousands of Jews escape Nazi persecution. Traces his childhood in Japan, his years as a soldier and a diplomat, and his heroic service in Kovno. Examines his motives for taking such grave risks for the sake of strangers. 1996.

A Hell of a Life: An Autobiography RC 45999
by Maureen Stapleton and Jane Scovell
read by Barbara Rappaport
2 cassettes
Memoir of a famed actress and star of stage and screen. Traces her childhood in a troubled family, her early discovery in the theater, and her long career of successive award-winning roles. Stapleton speaks candidly about other celebrities and about her own drinking problem and many affairs. Strong language. 1995.

A History of the American People
RC 46010
by Paul Johnson
read by Gary Telles
10 cassettes
A social narrative and interpretation of the history of the United States from colonial times to the Clinton era. Includes material gleaned from diaries, letters, and recorded conversations; character analyses of primary achievers of each era; as well as extensive—and sometimes critical—comments by the author, a British conservative. Bestseller 1997.

Anna and the King of Siam RC 46020
by Margaret Landon
read by Faith Potts
4 cassettes
Anna Leonowens, a Welsh widow hired in 1862 to be governess to the children and concubines of the king of Siam, found the contrasts between the exotic Orient and Victorian Great Britain striking. Landon recounts Leonowen's five years of adventures and confrontations. This book inspired the Broadway musical *The King and I*. 1943.

Confessions of an Igloo Dweller
RC 46024
by James Houston
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
The author, a Canadian artist, moved to the Arctic after World War II. Living among the Inuit from 1948 to 1962, he helped organize Eskimo co-ops to promote sculpture and lithography to southern communities. Describes daily life among the native peoples including dogsledding, hunting, fishing, and traveling in the far north. 1995.

The Great Adventure: How the Mounties Conquered the West RC 46025
by David Cruise and Alison Griffiths
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
Recounts the origins and early years of the North West Mounted Police (later, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police). Chronicles the Great March of 1874, when the Mounties trekked 900 miles to pacify Indian territory, end the whiskey trade, patrol the border, and establish Canadian law in the frontier. Based on diaries and first-hand accounts. Violence. 1996.

What to Do When a Loved One Dies: A Practical and Compassionate Guide to Dealing with Death on Life's Terms
RC 46026
by Eva Shaw
read by Michele Schaeffer
3 cassettes
A guide and sourcebook for coping with the practical, emotional, spiritual, and psychological issues and concerns that are occasioned by a death. Provides guidance for taking immediate action, making arrangements, dealing with grief, and moving on with life. 1994.

The File: A Personal History RC 46027
by Timothy Garton Ash
read by Terence Aselford
2 cassettes
A British historian's account of his search for his "lost self" in the cold war files of the East German secret police, or Stasi. After obtaining the 325-page record that Stasi had compiled on him over a fifteen-year period, he confronted the agents and informers who had tracked his case. A stark depiction of a closed communist society. 1997.

James Herriot's Animal Stories
RC 46030
by James Herriot
read by John Horton
1 cassette
Ten of the Yorkshire veterinarian's best-loved stories with an introduction by his son, Jim Wight, who took over the practice after his father's death in 1995. 1997.

When Men Believe in Love: A Book for Men Who Love Women and the Women They Love RC 46037
by Susan Edwards
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
Psychologist Susan Edwards describes her experiences in dealing with men who have had trouble in romantic relationships. Discusses how they can grow into love. 1995.

Bombshell: The Secret Story of America's Unknown Atomic Spy Conspiracy
RC 46039
by Joseph Albright and Marcia Kunstel
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
The authors allege that scientist Theodore Hall, a teenager who helped develop the atomic bomb at Los Alamos in 1944, was a Soviet spy. They present a body of evidence including a motive, based on archives released after the Cold War and interviews with Hall to support their accusations. 1997.

Next of Kin: What Chimpanzees Have Taught Me about Who We Are
RC 46040
by Roger Fouts
read by Jeff Baker
3 cassettes
A research psychologist explores intellectual and emotional parallels between chimpanzees and humans. Recounts his revolutionary work teaching chimps to engage in complex communication by sign language. Advocates humane treatment of animals. Some strong language. 1997.

To Dance with the Devil: The New War on Breast Cancer RC 46041
by Karen Stabiner
read by Mary Kane
4 cassettes
Stabiner presents the personal experiences of several patients of the UCLA Breast Center as they are treated by surgeon Dr. Susan Love. Examining the politics of research dollars and government support, Stabiner asserts that concern about womens' diseases was an afterthought until the 1990s. She attributes the new emphasis on finding a cure to Love and colleagues. 1997.

Demystifying Tibet: Unlocking the Secrets of the Land of the Snows RC 46056
by Lee Feigon
read by Steven Carpenter
2 cassettes
The author argues that culturally, linguistically, and religiously Tibet is distinct from China. He traces the history of Tibet, highlighting its origins and refuting Western stereotypes about the country. He affirms that Tibet deserves to be an independent nation. 1996.

Questioning the Millennium: A Rationalist's Guide to a Precisely Arbitrary Countdown RC 46057
by Stephen Jay Gould
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Examines a range of astronomical, historical, and calendrical factors that bear on the meaning and significance of the millenium. Observes that the round

evenness of the number 2000 is the result of our arbitrary system of decimal mathematics rather than any fact of nature. 1997.

Taming the Dragon in Your Child: Solutions for Breaking the Cycle of Family Anger RC 46074
by Meg Eastman
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
A child psychologist suggests ways to deal with unacceptable displays of anger by children—from toddlers to teenagers. Presents steps to help resolve sibling rivalry, temper tantrums, and destructive behavior. Also includes advice on when to seek professional help. 1994.

Perils of a Restless Planet: Scientific Perspectives on Natural Disasters RC 46075
by Ernest Zebrowski
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Examines selected natural disasters through history, including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanos, tornados, and epidemics. Inquires into the causes and dynamics of these catastrophes with an eye toward anticipating such future events and mitigating their effects. 1997.

Eat Right for Your Type: The Individualized Diet Solution to Staying Healthy, Living Longer, and Achieving Your Ideal Weight RC 46076
by Peter J. D'Adamo
read by Kerry Cundiff
3 cassettes
A naturopathic physician recommends diet, exercise, and lifestyle changes based on a person's blood type. Suggests that foods consumed produce different chemical reactions in individuals of the four major blood types, and that scientists have confirmed a link between blood type and the risk of certain diseases. Bestseller 1996.

Joey: The True Story of One Boy's Relationship with God RC 46079
by Joseph F. Girzone
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
The story of a young man's life and his intimate communion with God. Traces his joyful and promising childhood, his mastery of music, his first love, his trials in adolescence, his spiritual awakening, and his untimely death. 1997.

The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives RC 46080
by Zbigniew Brzezinski
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
A geopolitical perspective on the post-Cold War world, over which America reigns as "the first truly global power." Argues that the stability of Eurasia is critical to the continued primacy of the United States and that America's strategy should be to deter "international anarchy" there. 1997.

Meeting the Needs of Employees with Disabilities RC 46081
by Resources for Rehabilitation
read by Butch Hoover
2 cassettes
Information for people with disabilities and employers about measures that can be taken to promote full employment. Covers federal laws, environmental adaptations, and technology to help in the workplace. Includes advice for persons with speech, vision, and hearing impairments; the elderly; and those with chronic medical conditions. 1993.

The Cliff Walk: A Memoir of a Job Lost and a Life Found RC 46084
by Don J. Snyder
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
A former English professor and family man recounts the collapse of his secure, middle-class life after he was fired from his job. He describes his "American dream" style of living prior to his dismissal, his descent into desperation as he faced financial ruin, and his gradual adjustment to manual work. 1997.

A Hoosier Holiday RC 46087
by Theodore Dreiser
read by Randy Davidson
3 cassettes
An account of a trip in 1915, when author Theodore Dreiser and his friend, illustrator Franklin Booth, drove from New York City to their home state of Indiana. The adventure was heightened by the scarcity of roads, restaurants, and lodging along the way, prompting Dreiser to write one of the first road-trip books, complete with philosophical musings and travel advice. 1997.

In Search of Kinship: Modern Pioneering on the Western Landscape RC 46093
by Page Lambert
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
A woman chronicles her family's harsh, yet fulfilling, life on a Wyoming ranch. Celebrates their connection with the land and nature, while lamenting the passing of family traditions in the modern world. 1996.

The Underground Guide to Teenage Sexuality RC 46094
by Michael J. Basso
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
A recognized sex educator explains human anatomy, diseases, pregnancy, birth control, and sexuality to help young adults make educated decisions. The author encourages teens to be responsible and to accept the consequences of their actions, while stressing his conviction that abstinence is the best policy. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

Resources for Elders with Disabilities RC 46095
by Resources for Rehabilitation
read by Patricia McDermott
2 cassettes
Information to help older people with physical disabilities maintain their independence, and advice for their family members and caregivers. Covers hearing and vision loss, arthritis, strokes, Parkinson's disease, and osteoporosis. Discusses relevant legislation and organizations. 1996.

What Losing Taught Me about Winning: The Ultimate Guide for Success in Small and Home-Based Businesses RC 46108
by Fran Tarkenton
read by Randy Atcher
2 cassettes
A former football star and accomplished entrepreneur offers advice on how to succeed in small business. Discusses attitudes, ideas, skills, methods, and resources that are common to successful small-business owners. Uses case studies to dramatize key points. 1997.

Living with Low Vision: A Resource Guide for People with Sight Loss
RC 46109
by Resources for Rehabilitation
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
Offers information on organizations and assistive devices to help people remain independent despite vision loss. Defines basic terms, discusses rehabilitation and other services, and lists organizations and self-help groups for adults and children. 1996.

The Nine Steps to Financial Freedom
RC 46126
by Suze Orman
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
Orman discusses the psychological and spiritual power of money in our lives and defines financial freedom as having power over one's anxieties about spending and debt. Her nine-step program encourages self-examination; she also presents rules of money management and explores the realm of riches beyond material wealth. Bestseller 1997.

Hungry Ghosts: Mao's Secret Famine
RC 46134
by Jasper Becker
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
An account of the massive famine that plagued China during Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward from 1958 to 1962. Becker examines the circumstances and causes of this human disaster and argues the famine claimed at least thirty million lives and went largely unreported in the West. Violence. 1996.

The New Psychiatry: The Essential Guide to State-of-the-Art Therapy, Medication, and Emotional Health RC 46190
by Jack M. Gorman, M.D.
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
A consumer's guide to the principles, diagnostic techniques, and therapeutic methods of modern psychiatric care. Offers advice on when to see a psychiatrist, describes major illnesses, and explains various courses of treatment. 1996.

Coping with Compulsive Eating
RC 46192
by Carolyn Simpson
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
Defines compulsive eating and describes causes and available treatments. Suggests that this disorder, often seen in adolescents, may be caused by stress and that professional help is needed to identify and "deflate" stress factors in everyday life. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

The Teenager's Guide to the Real World
RC 46205
by Marshall Brain
read by Bob Moore
3 cassettes
The author encourages teens to find an enjoyable career. He explains why peer pressure declines after high school graduation. Combines motivational messages with no-nonsense advice, such as "money really matters" and "adults rule the world," and mentions basic "facts of life." For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

To the Hoop: The Seasons of a Basketball Life RC 46209
by Ira Berkow
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
A respected sportswriter in his mid-fifties, Berkow has enjoyed playing basketball since childhood. He discusses how basketball has shaped his strategy and perspective both on and off the court. Pickup games offer him the opportunity to look into the soul of others as well as his own. Berkow describes how he strives to improve his skills. 1997.

A Streetcar Named Desire RC 46212
by Tennessee Williams
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette (Reissue)
In this play, a recently widowed, faded southern belle visits her bohemian sister and lusty brother-in-law in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Seeking the lost gentility of her early life, she instead faces a mental breakdown because of the insensitivity of those around her. 1947.

Help! My Heart Is Breaking! How to Get through the Hurt RC 46213
by Meg Schneider
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
The author directs this book at those whose boyfriends broke up with them and those who want to break up. She gives tips on how to endure this event constructively and on how to troubleshoot future relationships. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

In the Huddle with—Steve Young RC 46226
by Matt Christopher
read by John Polk
1 cassette
In this biography of Steve Young, quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, the author emphasizes that the athlete had to struggle throughout his career to be number one. Through hard work and determination, Young eventually became the starting quarterback while earning a law degree in the off season. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Yes, We Have No Neutrons: An Eye-Opening Tour through the Twists and Turns of Bad Science RC 46227
by A.K. Dewdney
read by John Richardson
2 cassettes
A critique of "mistaken science"—examples of celebrated experiments that violated accepted scientific method. Describes eight cases of flawed work, including the claimed discovery of cold fusion in 1989, Project Ozma's search for extraterrestrial intelligence, and Biosphere 2. 1997.

Helen Keller: Humanitarian RC 46249
by Lois P. Nicholson
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Biography of Helen Keller, who became blind and deaf at nineteen months as a result of illness. Covers her birth in 1880 through her death in 1968. Describes her education under her private teacher Anne Sullivan, her formal schooling, and her career. Includes an introduction by Jerry Lewis. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

The Last Plantation: Color, Conflict, and Identity; Reflections of a New World Black RC 46278
by Itabari Njeri
read by Robin Miles
2 cassettes
Explores the structure and dynamics of race relations in 1990s America. Examines issues of color discrimination within the African American community and among various minority groups. Argues that these biases promote a divisive "last plantation" of the mind. Violence. 1997.

The Irish in America RC 46280
edited by Michael Coffey
read by Frank Coffee
3 cassettes
Essays on the Irish American experience and the contributions of Irish immigrants to their adopted nation. Depicts Ireland's potato famine of the 1840s and the mass migration to the United States, the efforts of the newcomers to establish themselves in American society, and the role of the prominent "New Irish." Some strong language. 1997.

Notes from a Small Island RC 46281
by Bill Bryson
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
Journalist Bill Bryson had lived in Great Britain for twenty years when he decided to move back to the United States. After one last trip around the island—mostly by public transportation—to savor the uniqueness of British culture, Bryson wrote this humorous account of the customs and language of the people. 1995.

The Road to Hell: The True Story of George Jackson, Stephen Bingham, and the San Quentin Massacre RC 46285
by Paul Liberatore
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
Chronicles the bloody 1971 San Quentin prison riot led by Black Panther radical George Jackson, who was armed with a gun allegedly supplied by his lawyer, Stephen Bingham. After thirteen years in hiding, Bingham emerged to be tried and acquitted of murder. Strong language and violence. 1996.

A Monk Swimming: A Memoir RC 46334
by Malachy McCourt
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
McCourt picks up from his brother Frank's *Angela's Ashes (RC 42805)*. Uneducated and unskilled, McCourt arrived in New York City in 1952. His storytelling abilities kept him with drinking companions and led to his meeting celebrities. Succumbing to alcoholism, McCourt turned to gold smuggling for an income. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

The Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search for the Love of a Family RC 46336
by Dave Pelzer
read by David Elias
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *A Child Called "It" (RC 45004)*, Pelzer relates his experiences living in a foster home from the age of twelve through eighteen. Describes being socialized and taught basic manners and values by one family and then another. Concludes with recom-

mendations for foster care. Some strong language. Bestseller 1997.

A Pirate Looks at Fifty RC 46339
by Jimmy Buffett
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
A musician and bestselling author tells of a trip he took to celebrate his fiftieth birthday and relates stories from his past that the trip brings to mind. A lover of both planes and boats, Buffett recalls his adventures in Central and South America and the Caribbean. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

We Are Our Mothers' Daughters RC 46340
by Cokie Roberts
read by Janis Gray
1 cassette
Roberts, who works for ABC News and National Public Radio, discusses women's roles in society in the 1990s. She presents minibiographies of women such as her mother and her sister—both politicians—as well as a reporter, a civil-rights activist, and a mechanic. Roberts concludes that for most women the role of nurturer takes precedence. Bestseller 1998.

Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge RC 46359
by Edward O. Wilson
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
A scientist proposes a renewed effort to link facts and fact-based theory across disciplines, as originally ventured by Enlightenment thinkers. He further posits that perceiving the natural world as an integrated whole would better prepare humans to treat global problems. Bestseller 1998.

In the Meantime: Finding Yourself and the Love That You Want RC 46360
by Iyanla Vanzant
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
An inspirational speaker explains how to prepare for a loving relationship while waiting for that special someone. She describes how to do spiritual cleansing, eliminating "the stuff" that prevents an open love experience. Bestseller 1998.

I'm Too Young to Be This Old! RC 46366
by Patricia (Poppy) Smith
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
A former Bible-study lecturer looks at the lighter side of a woman's experience of those "muddled middle years." Suddenly her children look too old to belong to her, her friends seem to be aging prematurely, and her husband becomes a virtual stranger. Smith also examines the issues of caring for aging parents and preparing for old age. 1997.

Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul: Stories about Pets as Teachers, Healers, Heroes, and Friends RC 46429
edited by Jack Canfield and others
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
Collection of almost one hundred stories portraying the belief that a "loving interdependent relationship" with a pet can be life-enhancing. Writers including Barbara Bush, Betty White, Art Linkletter, and Jimmy Stewart describe how pets entertain us, teach us, and sometimes bring out the goodness in us. Bestseller 1998.

The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart RC 46434
by Peter J. Gomes
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Peter Gomes, a minister and professor at Harvard University, encourages people to read the Bible. He briefly explains the Good Book and discusses twelve current topics in relation to it including race, women, homosexuality, and wealth. 1996.

Something Cloudy, Something Clear RC 46436
by Tennessee Williams
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Autobiographical play set in 1940 dealing with Tennessee Williams's first love—a young Canadian draft dodger who was dying of a brain tumor. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1995.

When Memory Speaks: Reflections on Autobiography RC 46438
by Jill Ker Conway
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
Examines writers of autobiography as narrators of cultural history reflecting gender-oriented perspectives. Supports her thesis by citing examples from the memoirs of men and women across the centuries. Contends that the popularity of the genre derives from the self-examination that results from reading about the life experiences of another person. 1998.

James Herriot: The Life of a Country Vet RC 46439
by Graham Lord
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Offers a glimpse into the life of Alf Wight, known as James Herriot. Moves from his childhood through his veterinary school years and provides more fact about Wight's life as a vet than the somewhat fictionalized pieces seen in his books, such as *All Creatures Great and Small (RC 6096)*. 1997.

For Fidelity: How Intimacy and Commitment Enrich Our Lives RC 46447
by Catherine M. Wallace
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
Explores a range of questions concerning sexual desire, physical and emotional intimacy, and faithfulness in marriage. Discusses the stresses on the marital bond in a era of sexual freedom. Concludes that "sexual fidelity is crucial to achieving the best that our own sexuality can offer to each of us." 1998.

A Short History of Financial Euphoria RC 46455
by John Kenneth Galbraith
read by John Rayburn
1 cassette
In an essay originally written for the financial community, Galbraith humorously discusses the major financial fiascoes of the past three hundred years beginning with Tulipomania in Holland in 1636. He warns that history repeats itself and outlines the conditions necessary for another stock market crash while cautioning that human nature will never change. 1990.

The Great House of God: A Home for Your Heart RC 46460
by Max Lucado
read by Bill Wallace
1 cassette
A meditation on the Lord's Prayer, using its words as a model for living and a "floor plan to our spiritual house." Using this metaphor, the author uses each room to present a spiritual lesson for understanding and following God's teachings. 1997.

Inside Intel: Andy Grove and the Rise of the World's Most Powerful Chip Company RC 46465
by Tim Jackson
read by John Rayburn
3 cassettes
Traces the rise of the world's leading maker of computer chips. Intel produces more than 80 percent of the microprocessors used by PCs. Portrays a secretive organization that tightly controls its own staff and that exercises ruthlessly aggressive practices to dominate its industry. 1997.

The Mad, the Bad, and the Innocent: The Criminal Mind on Trial RC 46470
by Barbara R. Kirwin
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
A forensic psychologist explains how she differentiates between mentally insane and basically evil criminals. Giving an overview of the law concerning the insanity defense, Kirwin disputes current "designer defenses" and gives recommendations for the legal system. Uses examples of cases of notorious criminals. Some violence and strong language. 1997.

Words I Wish I Wrote: A Collection of Writing That Inspired My Ideas RC 46474
by Robert Fulghum
read by Bill Wallace
1 cassette
A popular author pays tribute to the writers whose works inspired his life and influenced the formation of his personal philosophy. Quotes seminal writings on such themes as individual choice, journeys, recreation, simplicity, and religious belief. 1997.

In No Time at All RC 46480
by Carl Hamilton
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
Portrays the experience of living on a farm in Iowa between 1910 and 1940. Describes the long days of grueling labor in the fields, barn, and kitchen. Depicts a life of hardship, danger, and simple pleasures. 1974.

To Timbuktu RC 46486
by Mark Jenkins
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
Jenkins recounts how he and Mike Moe, intrepid travel buddies, explore the headwaters of the Niger River by kayak before they become fathers. His account is interwoven with memories of their first trip to Africa years before and with sketches of nineteenth-century European explorers searching for Timbuktu. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Tough Jews RC 46505
by Rich Cohen
read by Barry Bernson
2 cassettes
The author recalls childhood tales told by his father and his father's friends (Sid Young, Asher Dann, and Larry

King) about Jewish involvement in organized crime. Using interviews of survivors and their relatives, as well as police reports and court documents, he recounts the activities of such men as Meyer Lansky, Louis Lepke, and Bugsy Siegel. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea
RC 46507
by Gary Kinder
read by Bruce Huntey
4 cassettes
Interweaves an account of the 1857 sinking of the SS *Central America* that carried a cargo of gold bullion and minted coins with the story of the shipwreck's discovery in 1988 by Tommy Thompson. Describes Thompson's feat of developing technology to locate and retrieve artifacts from a wooden-hulled ship in eight thousand feet of water. Bestseller 1998.

A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail
RC 46519
by Bill Bryson
read by Michael Consoli
2 cassettes
Bryson relates the adventures and misadventures of two totally unfit hikers as he and longtime friend Stephen Katz traverse the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail. Returning from more than twenty years in Britain, he set out to rediscover his homeland, but the two men find themselves awed by the terrain and stymied by the unfamiliar local culture. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff with Your Family: Simple Ways to Keep Daily Responsibilities and Household Chaos from Taking Over Your Life RC 46533
by Richard Carlson
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
In this companion to *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff—and It's All Small Stuff (RC 45257)*, the author extends his advice to handling family life. Explores ways of compromising and enjoying household members. Bestseller 1998.

Understanding Men's Passages: Discovering the New Map of Men's Lives
RC 46534
by Gail Sheehy
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
This account, gleaned from interviews of about one hundred white- and blue-collar working men, provides a candid look at what male life is like in the 1990s. Written for men and women, it discusses topics such as job loss, downsizing, marriage and divorce, sexuality, and depression. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The World according to Peter Drucker
RC 46725
by Jack Beatty
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
An intellectual profile of the management guru who has published twenty-nine books during his sixty-year career. Concentrates on the ideas and concepts that influenced Drucker's philosophy and precepts as evidenced in his writing. Provides more of a chronological review of his books than biographical details. 1998.

It Was a Very Good Year: Extraordinary Moments in Stock Market History RC 46728
by Martin S. Fridson
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
Examines the stock market's ten best-performing years in the twentieth century. Identifies some common conditions that prevailed during these bull years when total returns ranged between 36 percent and 63 percent. Includes anecdotes and biographical sketches. 1998.

Locked In: A Young Woman's Battle with Stroke RC 47035
by Judy Mozersky
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
The author describes her experiences since 1990 when, as a nineteen-year-old Cornell undergraduate she was "locked in" by a stroke that left her unable to move or speak but able to communicate by eye blinks. She and others detail her progress from hospital care to a more stimulating environment in her own apartment, where she continues her studies. 1996.

Cassettes Fiction

The Battle of the Queens: The Plantagenet Saga, Volume 5 RC 38826
by Jean Plaidy
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes (Reissue)
The first half of the thirteenth century is dominated by two vindictive queens—Blanche of Castile, queen of France, and Isabella, the widowed queen of England. The two beautiful rulers share an ambition so strong that they will stop at nothing to destroy each other. Sequel to *The Prince of Darkness (RD 17908)*. 1978.

The Follies of the King: The Plantagenet Saga, Volume 8 RC 38827
by Jean Plaidy
read by Sally Darling
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Focuses on the tragic reign of Edward II. Edward's first act as king is to recall his lover Piers Gaveston, who was banished by Edward's father. Edward's devotion to Gaveston and to other handsome young men after Gaveston's death humiliates his beautiful French wife, Isabella, who eventually becomes one of his most deadly enemies. Sequel to *Edward Longshanks (RC 25035)*. 1982.

Prisons: The Beulah Quintet, Book 1 RC 39051
by Mary Lee Settle
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A novel of commitment, betrayal, and ultimate freedom by a recipient of the National Book Award. Based on a true incident in the bloody English Civil War, a story of young men grappling with the question of what they are willing to die for. Prequel to *O Beulah Land (RC 39052)*. Some strong language. 1973.

O Beulah Land: The Beulah Quintet, Book 2 RC 39052
by Mary Lee Settle
read by John Stratton
3 cassettes (Reissue)
On the eve of America's independence, a brave young man blazes a trail deep into the Virginia mountain wilderness, struggling for land and the freedom to build a new settlement called Beulah.

Sequel to *Prisons (RC 39051)*. Some strong language. 1956.

Saint Peter's Fair: The Fourth Chronicle of Brother Cadfael RC 39058
by Ellis Peters
read by Alan Haines
2 cassettes (Reissue)
At the annual fair at Shrewsbury Abbey in 1139, a wealthy merchant is murdered. A dangerous suitor immediately begins stalking the merchant's lovely niece, and Brother Cadfael, a sleuthing monk, races to save her from a terrible fate. 1981.

The Vow on the Heron: The Plantagenet Saga, Volume 9 RC 40055
by Jean Plaidy
read by Patrick Horgan
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Focuses on King Edward III and the beginnings of the bloody Hundred Years' War brought about in part by the young English monarch. Detailed account of Edward's relationships with his devoted wife, Philippa, and their children. Sequel to *The Follies of the King (RC 38827)*. 1980.

Passage to Pontefract: The Plantagenet Saga, Volume 10 RC 40056
by Jean Plaidy
read by Patrick Horgan
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Life at court in the tumultuous fourteenth century follows a reckless young king, Richard II, from his unsteady rise to power to his lonely death at the hands of others who want that power. Sequel to *The Vow on the Heron (RC 40055)*. 1981.

The Star of Lancaster: The Plantagenet Saga, Volume 11 RC 40057
by Jean Plaidy
read by Alan Haines
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Charts the romance and marriage of Mary de Bohun and Henry IV and the birth of their children. While Henry IV battles to hold onto the land he has inherited and the throne he has seized, his son, Harry, pursues a series of wild misadventures. Sequel to *The Passage to Pontefract (RC 40056)*. 1981.

Epitaph for Three Women: The Plantagenet Saga, Volume 12 RC 40058
by Jean Plaidy
read by Pat Gilbert-Read
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Superimposes the stories of three women of consequence against the background of Lancastrian England and war-torn France. The women are Katherine of Valois, grieving young widow of Henry V and mother of an infant king-to-be; Joan of Arc, a French peasant; and Eleanor of Gloucester, a passionate and treasonous sorcerer. Sequel to *The Star of Lancaster (RC 40057)*. 1981.

Red Rose of Anjou: The Plantagenet Saga, Volume 13 RC 40059
by Jean Plaidy
read by Pat Gilbert-Read
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Begins with the events leading up to Margaret of Anjou's marriage to King Henry VI of England and continues with the conflicts during Henry's reign. Henry was reportedly a saintly man and a weak ruler whose mental illness forced Margaret to struggle to save the crown for their son. Sequel to *Epitaph for Three Women (RC 40058)*. 1982.

The Miller's Dance: A Novel of Cornwall, 1812–1813 RC 41904
by Winston Graham
read by Patrick Horgan
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Ninth novel in the Poldark family saga. As Britain battles Napoleon and the fledgling United States, the Industrial Revolution propels the Poldarks and their beloved Cornwall into a new age. Jeremy and Clowance deal with the frustrations of unrequited love while their parents, Ross and Demelza, adjust to startling developments in their lives. Sequel to *The Stranger from the Sea (RC 40684)*. 1982.

The Jewel in the Crown: The Raj Quartet, Book 1 RC 43535
by Paul Scott
read by Norman Barrs
4 cassettes (Reissue)
The rape of a young Englishwoman in India in 1942 provides the pivotal incident for an intricate portrait of a land in the grips of violent upheaval. Prequel to *Day of the Scorpion (RC 45151)*. Some violence. 1966.

Light a Penny Candle RC 43536
by Maeve Binchy
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes (Reissue)
From the time in 1940 when shy, ten-year-old Elizabeth White is evacuated from wartime London and plunged into a large and contentious family in the Irish village of Kilgarret, she and Aisling O'Connor are destined to be the best of friends. This novel follows their lives together and apart over the decades. 1983.

The Case Book of Sherlock Holmes RC 43538
by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
read by Patrick Horgan
2 cassettes (Reissue)
This final dozen cases completes the amazing career of Sherlock Holmes. Among the short stories included are "The Adventure of the Illustrious Client," "The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger," and "The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire." 1955.

The Burglar Who Liked to Quote Kipling RC 43539
by Lawrence Block
read by George Patterson
1 cassette (Reissue)
A professional New York burglar becomes a bookseller, but only as a sideline. He is tempted into stealing a unique copy of an anti-Semitic poem—ostensibly by Kipling—for a book collector. This leads to complications, drugging, theft, and murder by an assortment of exotic rogues. Some strong language. 1979.

Dan Barry's Daughter RC 43540
by Max Brand
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Harry Gloster, a man on the run from a murder charge, falls in love with Joan Barry, a young woman with a dim, troubled past. He must decide whether to give up his love and continue running or to stand and risk his life to prove his innocence. 1952.

The Heart of the Lion RC 43542
by Jean Plaidy
read by Guy Sorel
3 cassettes (Reissue)
The dramatic story of Richard the Lion Heart, one of England's most romanti-

cized and strangest kings. Known for both chivalry and cruelty, Richard maintains a cool distance from his elegant wife while suffering torment from his relationships with the king of France, an apparent ally, and the warrior Saladin, an apparent enemy. Sequel to *The Revolt of the Eaglets (RC 39110)*. 1977.

The Love Pirate RC 43543
by Barbara Cartland
read by Yolande Bavan
1 cassette (Reissue)
Bertilla Alvinston's mother sends her to Sarawak as a missionary to get her away from home, and after many adventures, Bertilla falls in love with trade investigator Lord Saire. 1977.

To the Far Blue Mountains RC 43545
by Louis L'Amour
read by Ken Kliban
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Barabas Sackett sails from England on a voyage to the New World, where a pretty girl is waiting to marry him. Once there he sets off for the Far Blue Mountains of Virginia, fighting Indians and other perils along the way. Sequel to *Sackett's Land (RC 33963)*. Prequel to *The Warrior's Path (RC 33993)*. 1976.

A Christmas Carol RC 43546
by Charles Dickens
read by Clark Niederjohn
1 cassette (Reissue)
Classic nineteenth-century Christmas story set in England describes the conversion of grasping old miser Ebenezer Scrooge when he is visited by ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. 1963.

Sweet Fifteen RC 43655
by Diane Gonzales Bertrand
read by Jeanne Evans
2 cassettes
Stefanie Bonilla should celebrate her quinceañera soon, but her father died recently, and her mother doesn't understand that Stefanie doesn't want a party for her fifteenth birthday. Rita, the seamstress making Stefanie's dress, helps Stefanie and her family come to grips with their loss. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

The Famous Heroine RC 44305
by Mary Balogh
read by Anne Mullen
2 cassettes
Miss Cora Downes, daughter of a merchant, did not think twice about rescuing a drowning child. But the child is a duke's nephew, and his mother has insisted on taking Cora in as her protégée for the London season. When the duke asks his friend Lord Francis to dance with Cora at least once, the result is unexpected. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

The King's Justice: The Histories of King Kelson, Volume 2 RC 44522
by Katherine Kurtz
read by Gary Tipton
3 cassettes
King Kelson of Gwynedd is still embroiled in the war between the Church and the Deryni. At least ex-Archbishop Loris's attempts to kill him were unsuccessful. King Kelson's uncles are also facing threats of rebellion, and it seems that one family member is being trained in subversion. Sequel to *The Bishop's Heir (RC 44521)*. Some violence and some strong language. 1985.

Naked Came the Manatee RC 44784
by Carl Hiaasen and others
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Thirteen Florida writers including Dave Barry, Edna Buchanan, and Elmore Leonard have each contributed one chapter to this mystery involving a manatee named Booger, thieves who did time for stealing dirty laundry, and a severed head that may belong to Fidel Castro. Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Sunrise Song RC 44788
by Kathleen Eagle
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
In 1973 Michelle Benedict inherits her aunt's house. Concerned about a 1930s Indian cemetery located next to the house, she attempts to find relatives of those buried there. Her search leads to an involvement with Zane Lone Bull and the discovery of terrible secrets about their connected past. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Jackson Rule RC 44789
by Dinah McCall
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
When Jackson Rule was sixteen, he went to prison for killing his father. Now thirty-one and newly free, Jackson's chances of finding a decent job and helping his troubled sister are bleak until nursery owner Rebecca Hill hires him despite the protests of her preacher father. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

Crazy Snake RC 44791
by Robert J. Conley
read by Grant James
1 cassette
In 1824 the U.S. government relocated the Creek nation from their home in the East to the Western Plains with the assurance that the tribe would be left in peace. This story tells how the authorities reneged on their promise, conflict ensued, and Chief Crazy Snake wagered his life to ensure the Creeks' survival. 1994.

Way past Dead RC 44796
by Steven Womack
read by Don Emmick
2 cassettes
It's the wrong time for P.I. Harry James Denton to be called to investigate country music singer Rebecca Gibson's murder. Denton's girlfriend, Dr. Marsha Helms, has just been taken hostage in the Nashville morgue by a group of evangelical fanatics. But the siege is long and leaves Harry with nothing to do, so he delves into the dark side of country music. Some strong language and some violence. 1995.

The Gods Are Thirsty RC 44972
by Tanith Lee
read by Jeremy Gage
5 cassettes
A tale of the violent outbreak of the French Revolution, as experienced by Camille Desmoulins, deemed "author of the revolution." Amid the tumult of the times, Desmoulins marries and begins a family before he himself falls victim to the "kiss of Madame Guillotine." Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Lovers Forever RC 44982
by Shirlee Busbee
read by Mimi Bederman
3 cassettes
Tess Mandeville's great-grandmother was stolen away from her fiancé, the earl of Sherbourne, and forced to marry the baron of Mandeville in 1740. When the fortune-hunting new Baron Mandeville attempts to do the same to Tess, she tries to flee to London and ends up in the arms of the current earl of Sherbourne. Explicit descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1996.

Action by Night RC 44983
by Ernest Haycox
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
Tracy Coleman arrives at Horsehead Ranch with a letter from the elderly absentee owner making Coleman the new owner. Horsehead's foreman doesn't take kindly to the news, nor do the surrounding ranch owners, who plan to take over Horsehead's land. But Coleman's as stubborn as they are and not about to leave. Some strong language and some violence. 1943.

The Button Horse RC 44984
by Giles Tippette
read by June Carter
2 cassettes
1886. In southern Texas, Warner Grayson raises prime thoroughbreds with his partner and lover, Laura Pico. When rival breeder Jack Fisher threatens to burn their barns and shoot their horses unless Grayson races him, Grayson's not worried until Laura starts meddling. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1994.

Colorado Ransom RC 44985
by Susan Harmon
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Seven long years after the Civil War, Richmond Bates is called to Colorado to avenge his uncle's murder and to help the man's lover save the claim. 1992.

A Specter Is Haunting Texas RC 44989
by Fritz Leiber
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
A witty parody of the politics of President Lyndon Johnson. In the twenty-second century, Scully returns to Earth to reclaim his family's mine. Texas, after a post-nuclear holocaust, now rules the United States. But there is a revolution among the peasants, and the Russians are busy in the north. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1968.

The Day of the Scorpion: The Raj Quartet, Book 2 RC 45151
by Paul Scott
read by Patrick Horgan
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Portrays the wretched beauty of India in 1942. With the flames of revolution encircling them, the British in India finally sense that the sun is setting on the empire. Sequel to *The Jewel in the Crown (RC 43535)*. 1978.

The Outsider RC 45170
by Frank Roderus
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Leon Brown feels he has already been to hell and back when he arrives in Kazumal, Arizona, to take possession of the more than seventeen thousand acres of land he bought after the Civil War. Then

he discovers his neighbors are none too happy to have a black man in their midst. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 1988.

The Bloodrock Valley War RC 45173
by Ray Hogan
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Ben Keenlyn refuses to sell his ranch to a consortium, risking a range war in the process. Complicating everything is Ben's sweetheart's connection to one of the buyers. 1969.

Joy School RC 45179
by Elizabeth Berg
read by Gillian Wilson
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Durable Goods (RC 37047)*, Katie has moved to a new town with her still-aloof father. As she turns thirteen, Katie learns many lessons. Taylor Sinn, a pretty delinquent, may not be as good a friend as Cynthia, a wallflower. Katie thinks she is in love, but Jimmy is ten years older and married. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

Novels and Stories RC 45243
by Zora Neale Hurston
read by Gail Nelson
7 cassettes
Four novels and nine short stories by the noted Harlem Renaissance novelist, folklorist, and anthropologist. Includes *Jonah's Gourd Vine*; *Their Eyes Were Watching God*; *Moses, Man of the Mountain*; and *Seraph on the Suwanee*. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

Sapphira and the Slave Girl RC 45259
by Willa Cather
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
In the period prior to the Civil War, Sapphira Colbert develops an irrational jealousy of one of her house servants, Nancy. Henry Colbert, Sapphira's husband, is fond of Nancy and doesn't take the matter seriously. Their daughter Rachel, however, decides to take matters into her own hands. Her decision changes Nancy's life forever. Some strong language. 1940.

The Naked Sun RC 45260
by Isaac Asimov
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes (Reissue)
When murder occurs for the first time on the planet Solaria, Earth detective Elijah Haley is sent across space to investigate, with the assistance of his robot aide, Daneel. Sequel to *The Caves of Steel (RC 44325)*. 1957.

America, America RC 45261
by Elia Kazan
read by Livingston Gilbert
1 cassette (Reissue)
In 1896, Stavros, a Greek boy from Anatolia, sees the slaughter of his people by the Turks and dreams about freedom and going to America with his American friend, Vartan. 1962.

The Code of the Woosters RC 45262
by P. G. Wodehouse
read by Tom Martin
2 cassettes (Reissue)
Bertie Wooster, with the able assistance of Jeeves, once again obeys the Wooster code by helping his friend Gussie Pink-Nottle out of a tangle with his future father-in-law. 1938.

Promise of Love RC 45264
by Mary Renault
read by Pamela Brook
3 cassettes (Reissue)
Vivian, a young nurse in training, and Mic, an assistant pathologist, are both employed in an English provincial hospital. The extraordinary pressures of their environment seem to complicate their love from the start. Some descriptions of sex. 1939.

Early Autumn: A Spenser Novel RC 45265
by Robert B. Parker
read by Ralph Bell
1 cassette (Reissue)
Private detective Spenser is hired to find the teenage son of a divorced couple. The father's underworld connections make it a dangerous job. When Spenser realizes the boy is being used as a pawn by his parents, he takes them away, then challenges his foes to ensure the lad's freedom. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1981.

A Savage Place: A Spenser Novel RC 45267
by Robert B. Parker
read by Dana Bate
1 cassette (Reissue)
Boston private eye Spenser flies to Hollywood to act as bodyguard for Candy Sloan, a TV reporter investigating the mob's takeover of Summit Films. Although hired thugs beat her and warn her she will die if she does not quit "snooping," she does not give in. Some strong language. 1981.

The Anatolian RC 45268
by Elia Kazan
read by Edward Blake
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Story of Stavros, the Anatolian Greek youth in *America, America (RC 45261)*, now a grown man in New York trying to make it as a merchant-pirate in the world of Oriental rugs. Chronicles the family's adventures and trials as immigrants in the new land they are reluctant to accept. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1982.

The Snow Queen RC 45269
by Joan D. Vinge
read by Sally Darling
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Arienrhod, the ancient but beautiful Winter Queen of the planet Tiamant, creates a secret clone of herself. She seeks to ensure her survival through the harsh 150-year summer when the technologically advanced offworlders will abandon the planet, letting her artificially maintained life come to an end. Companion to *The Summer Queen (RC 34560)*. 1981.

Run Man Run RC 45273
by Chester Himes
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
A drunken white detective accidentally kills a black night porter in a New York City restaurant. Attempting to cover his tracks, he shoots a second porter and wounds a third, whom the cop pursues to a bloody and tragic end. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1966.

High Deryni: The Chronicles of the Deryni, Volume 3 RC 45327
by Katherine Kurtz
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
The Church, fearing the possibility of being taken over by the Deryni now that the young half-Deryni King Kelson is ruler, has thrown the land into a civil

war. And Lord Morgan, excommunicated, no longer feels he can protect the young leader. Sequel to *Deryni Checkmate (RC 45326)*. Some violence. 1973.

In Plain Sight RC 45454
by Barbara Block
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Pet store owner and amateur sleuth Robin Light is asked by her former neighbor Marsha Pennington to dig up dirt on Marsha's soon-to-be ex-husband so he won't win custody of their two dogs. Robin is reluctant to take the case, but when Marsha turns up missing and then dead, Robin begins to investigate. Strong language. 1996.

Human Croquet RC 45456
by Kate Atkinson
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
2 cassettes
Alternating between the late-sixteenth-century past and the 1960s present is this account of the Fairfax family. The Fairfax children's lives are shaped by the absence of their mother, Eliza, who abandoned them seven years ago, the day their father also left. Isobel, sixteen on this day, and her older brother, Charles, adjust as their father returns with a new wife. 1997.

The Killer Angels RC 45457
by Michael Shaara
read by Michael Kramer
3 cassettes (Reissue)
This fictionalized version of the battle of Gettysburg portrays many actual participants, such as Generals Lee, Longstreet, and Meade, as well as fictionalized characters, such as Col. Joshua Chamberlain, whose vivid rhetoric inspires his men. Sequel to Jeff Shaara's *Gods and Generals (RC 43292)*. Some strong language. 1974.

American Pie RC 45553
by Michael Lee West
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
In Tallulah, Tennessee, the McBroom women gather around the hospital bed of Jo-Nell, who has barely survived an accident with a train. The three sisters —Jo-Nell, Freddie, and Eleanor—and their grandmother Minerva, believe this latest incident is part of the bad luck that has plagued their family for generations. Together the three sisters confront their fears and superstitions. Some strong language. 1996.

Death Takes a Hand RC 45554
by Susan Moody
read by Anne Hancock
2 cassettes
Former biology teacher Cassie Swann has a new career teaching bridge. During one of her weekend tutorials in a country hotel, three of her students are murdered. Within a month another student is dead at the same inn. As cancellations flood in, Cassie struggles to find the killer and save her career. Some violence and some strong language. 1993.

Ester Ried Yet Speaking RC 45556
by Isabella Alden
read by Susan Nardone
2 cassettes
At the turn of the century, years after the death of his beloved Christian sister, Ester, Alfred Ried bemoans his inability to carry on her charitable work, especially with a group of unruly poor boys. Help comes in the form of his boss's young wife, Flossy Roberts. Despite

Alfred's grave doubts, the results are astounding. 1997.

Queen of Swords RC 45613
by Judith Tarr
read by Lindsay Ellison
5 cassettes
A story of two strong-willed women who live in the kingdom of Jerusalem during the Crusades. Lady Richildis left France in A.D. 1129 to search for her brother, Bertrand. Richildis finds him in service to the future Queen Melisende while a royal marriage is being arranged, so Richildis becomes one of Melisende's ladies-in-waiting. 1997.

The Club Dumas RC 45630
by Arturo Pérez-Reverte
read by Peter Gil
3 cassettes
The authentication of a handwritten chapter of Dumas's *The Three Musketeers* embroils rare-book hunter Lucas Corso in literary intrigue. The chapter's owner is found hanged, but was the death suicide or homicide? The beautiful widow has her own interest in rare books. Corso goes from Madrid to Paris to figure it out. 1993.

Future Indefinite: Round Three of the Great Game RC 45652
by Dave Duncan
read by Rick Rohan
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Present Tense (RC 45644)*, Edward Exeter finally stops resisting his fate as proclaimed in the Filoby Testament and returns Nextdoor to kill Zath, the king of death. While becoming the Liberator, Edward initiates a new religion based on goodness and justice. 1997.

Dancing on the Edge RC 45669
by Han Nolan
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Miracle, thirteen, lives in her grandmother Gigi's world of seances and fabricated family stories. Feeling isolated and unreal, Miracle tries to melt away by dancing among lit candles and accidentally sets herself on fire. In a mental hospital, Miracle receives the counseling she needs to believe in reality. Some violence. For senior high readers. National Book Award 1997.

An Army of Angels: A Novel of Joan of Arc RC 45713
by Pamela Marcantel
read by Gabriella Cavallero
6 cassettes
This fictional account of the life of St. Joan of Arc, who was burned to death as a martyr before she turned twenty, portrays her as a willful, remarkable woman. The novel begins with the peasant Jehanne's visions, her battles with the English, and her political forays until her death in 1431. 1997.

Zombie RC 45714
by Joyce Carol Oates
read by Ray Hagen
1 cassette
Psychopathic serial killer Quentin P. stalks and abducts young men to lobotomize them into submissive sex slaves. Neither his upscale family nor his therapists imagine the horrors being perpetrated by this apparently nice young man. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1995.

The Man of the House RC 45721
by Stephen McCauley
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Drifting toward middle age, Clyde

Carmichael tries to make some sense out of his life. He is still smouldering over a breakup with his lover—Gordon—two years ago. Then Clyde becomes involved when his heterosexual roommate Marcus's ex-girlfriend shows up accusing Marcus of fathering her teenaged son. Clyde is also coping with unresolved problems with his own father. 1996.

The Courts of Love: Stories RC 45723
by Ellen Gilchrist
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Ten stories portray different aspects of love. In the novella "Nora Jane and Company," it is 1995 in Berkeley, and the stability of Nora's happy family life is threatened when the fathers of her twin girls meet again. In "A Man Who Looked like Me," a woman recalls her first love's good nature and how her father's prejudice prevented her marriage. 1996.

The Real Cool Killers RC 45726
by Chester Himes
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
There is no dearth of suspects with strong motives when Galen the Greek is found murdered. Galen's ostentatious wealth and his penchant for young black girls make for a tough and complicated case for police to crack. Strong language and violence. 1959.

Mystery Mile RC 45765
by Margery Allingham
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
American judge Crowdy Lobbett's children bring their father to England to prevent his murder. Four people have already been killed in his stead. Albert Campion is hired by the son to help keep his father alive. Campion brings the family to the village of Mystery Mile, where he believes they will be safe, but the stalkers arrive. 1957.

Nocturne: An 87th Precinct Novel RC 45767
by Ed McBain
read by Ray Foushee
2 cassettes
When a concert pianist is found murdered, detectives assume she was killed by a burglar. Then they learn that the victim had just withdrawn a large sum from the bank and conclude that the killer was someone she knew. The discovery of a prostitute's sexually mutilated body later becomes linked with the first killing. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Far North RC 45784
by Will Hobbs
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
A plane goes down in the Canadian wilderness, stranding two fifteen-year-old boys and an Indian elder. Before he dies, the elder teaches the boys survival skills that may sustain them in their struggle against hunger, predators, and the severe northern winter. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Easy Meat RC 45800
by John Harvey
read by David Cutler
2 cassettes
The apparent suicide of a fifteen-year-old delinquent while in police custody prompts a probe by veteran detective Bill Aston. When Aston is found beaten to death, the investigation leads into the vile depths of the British underclass. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Texaco RC 45807
by Patrick Chamoiseau
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Marie-Sophie Laborieux tells about her life and that of her father, Esternome, who was born a slave on the island of Martinique nearly 150 years ago. She describes the founding of the shanty-town, Texaco, among the pipelines of the oil company and defends the town's existence against urban development plans that would destroy it. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Winner of France's Prix Goncourt. 1992.

The China Garden RC 45811
by Liz Berry
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Claire knows that she and her mother, Frances, share some psychic ability, but it isn't until they travel to her mother's childhood home, Ravensmere, that Claire realizes what this means for her future. Claire falls in love with Mark and would leave to be with him, but the ancient estate claims her as its guardian. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

No New Jokes RC 45812
by Steven Bloom
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
The year is 1949 and Izzy, a former boxer and disabled veteran, likes to trade old jokes with other Jewish men at a Brooklyn deli. Their levity masks harsh memories of World War II and the Holocaust, as well as anxieties over the looming war in Korea. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Saint Leibowitz and the Wild Horse Woman RC 45850
by Walter M. Miller
read by John Horton
4 cassettes
Almost forty years after *A Canticle for Leibowitz (RC 32968)*, Miller continues the story of good versus evil, now in the thirty-second century. The Catholic church is still under siege by nomads, Imperial Texark, and other fiefdoms. Brother Blacktooth travels with Cardinal Brownpony to try to appease the warring forces. Some violence. 1997.

Sacred and Profane RC 45853
by Faye Kellerman
read by Richard Davidson
2 cassettes
Police detective Peter Decker discovers the charred remains of two teenage girls in the foothills of Los Angeles. Further investigation leads to a seedy world of porn films, drugs, and runaways. Decker also finds himself in love with a Jewish widow, Rina Lazarus, who cannot marry a non-Orthodox man. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1987.

To Lie with Lions: The House of Niccolò, Volume 6 RC 45864
by Dorothy Dunnett
read by Gordon Gould
6 cassettes
In the sixth segment of the House of Niccolò series, Nicholas de Fleury marries the scheming Gelis van Borselen. The couple begin a power struggle that leads Nicholas to kidnap their young son, Jordan. Nicholas continues his political manipulations, advising both the duke of Burgundy and the Scottish king James III. Sequel to *The Unicorn Hunt*

(RC 39250). Some violence and some strong language. 1995.

And Quiet Flows the Don RC 45866
by Mikhail Sholokhov
read by Ed Blake
4 cassettes (Reissue)
Centered around Gregor Melekhov, a young Cossack, this is the story of a Don Cossack village from the Bolshevik Revolution through the First World War and the Civil War between Russia's Red and White armies. Prequel to *The Don Flows Home to the Sea (RD 14834)*. Violence and strong language. 1934.

The Galactic Gourmet RC 45877
by James White
read by Randy Davidson
2 cassettes
Gurronsevas, a six-legged alien, volunteers to be the chef on the space hospital, Sector General. His job is to make the food palatable to all the species recuperating there. After a series of mishaps, Gurronsevas is sent on a mission to save a dying population. In the process, he encounters his most challenging assignment ever. 1996.

Mother of God RC 45889
by David Ambrose
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
Computer scientist Tessa Lambert has developed a diabolical artificial-intelligence program that lurks furtively on the Internet, conspiring to kill its creator. When the rogue program recruits a psychopathic hacker to do its bidding, Lambert becomes the target of man and machine. Strong language and violence. 1995.

Lost Man's River RC 45903
by Peter Matthiessen
read by Roy Avers
5 cassettes
In this sequel to *Killing Mister Watson (RC 31986)*, Lucius Watson returns to the Florida Everglades some forty years after the murder in 1910 of his father, E.J. Watson, to learn more about his heritage. Lucius finds that the Watson family story is intertwined with the history of the region. Some violence and some strong language. 1997.

Your Oasis on Flame Lake RC 45908
by Lorna Landvik
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
Lifelong friends Devera and BiDi, both married with children, are anxiously approaching forty. BiDi strives to preserve her girlish figure; Devera carries on an affair with her night-school teacher. When a series of crises strikes their families, the women have to reassess their lives. Strong language. 1997.

Mosquitoes RC 45909
by William Faulkner
read by Randy Wieck
2 cassettes
Chronicles a New Orleans boating excursion and the interactions among its motley array of passengers. Depicts the romance, hostility, and conflicts that arise among the high-spirited group during their voyage. 1955.

Worldwar: In the Balance RC 45912
by Harry Turtledove
read by Roy Avers
5 cassettes
It's World War II and the people of planet Earth are killing each other. An invasion force arrives, looking for its fourth world to conquer, but the in-

vaders have only limited resources. The humans have a chance to survive if they can set aside their differences and unite against the aliens. Prequel to *Worldwar: Tilting the Balance (RC 47687)*. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

Horse of a Different Killer RC 45917
by Jody Jaffe
read by Jill Fox
2 cassettes
Reporter Nattie Gold has a special interest in the murder of a horse and its trainer. The animal and Gold's beloved jumper were stabled in the same barn. As she delves into the schemes and scandals of the equestrian subculture, Gold's life and her horse's are threatened. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Moonrise RC 45918
by Ben Bova
read by Brian Conn
4 cassettes
A family drama unfolds against the backdrop of Moonbase, the first colony on the moon. Elder brother Greg Masterson wants to close down the unprofitable Moonbase while his half brother Doug Stavenger envisions its future viability and worth. Their mother, Joanna, tries to mediate their ensuing struggle. Some strong language and some violence. 1996.

House of Echoes RC 45919
by Barbara Erskine
read by Ann Hodapp
3 cassettes
While searching for her birth mother, Joss Grant discovers that she has inherited a mansion. Since her husband, Luke, has just lost his company, moving to Belheddon Hall seems perfect. But when their two small sons show signs of abuse, her family suspects Joss. Somehow she has to discover what or who is behind the eerie happenings in the old house. 1996.

***The Astronomer* and Other Stories RC 45922**
by Doris Betts
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
Stories set in rural North Carolina, depicting human relationships at times of crisis and transition. In the title work, a retired blue collar worker pursues an interest in astronomy and takes two boarders into his home. These involvements cause him to engage life in new ways. 1965.

Wrapped in Wishes RC 45926
by Olga Bicos
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
After miscarrying and breaking up with her fiancé, Chloe Plum develops insomnia. Her therapist hypnotizes Chloe, who finds herself in the 1880s assisting a ghost-hunting professor while fleeing evil men. After the session, Chloe meets the professor's look-alike in current times—cartoonist Parker Street, whose strip mirrors her odd experience. Violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Complete Fiction of W.M. Spackman RC 45929
by W.M. Spackman
read by Randy Wieck
5 cassettes
Five novels depicting romantic love in urbane, sophisticated settings. The first, *Heyday*, portrays the alienation that affects a group of carefree Ivy League students in Greenwich Village during

the Great Depression. Some strong language. 1997.

The Stainless Steel Rat Goes to Hell RC 45932
by Harry Harrison
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
A rejuvenating stay on the vacation planet Lussuoso becomes a fast-paced quest from Heaven to Hell when di-Griz's wife, Angelina, is kidnapped from the temple of eternal truth. The villain is the evasive professor Justin Slakey. DiGriz (the Stainless Steel Rat) calls on his twin sons to help him find Angelina and defeat the schemer Slakey. 1996.

Larkspur RC 45933
by Dorothy Garlock
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Twenty-three and unmarried, Kristin Anderson angers her half brother when she leaves his Wisconsin home to claim Larkspur, the Montana ranch she unexpectedly inherits in 1883. Others want Larkspur too, so she joins forces with a cranky cowboy to save it. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Mortal Nuts RC 45934
by Pete Hautman
read by Jack Fox
2 cassettes
At seventy-three, Axel Speeter has retired from gambling to run a taco stand at the state fair and live in a Motel 6, where he keeps his life savings in coffee cans. Peddling his tacos is curvaceous Carmen, whose ex-con boyfriend has designs on Axel's stash. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Riding Shotgun RC 45935
by Rita Mae Brown
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Recently widowed Cig Blackwood discovers during a foxhunt that her husband died naked in her sister's bed. Distraught, she is then thrown back in time to 1699 where she lives with her ancestors. She returns to the present with newfound wisdom about love and happiness. Strong language. 1996.

Simply Love RC 45936
by Catherine Anderson
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
Colorado, 1887. Gold mine owner Luke Taggart, tired of saloons, gambling, and loose women, wants to settle down with a live-in mistress. When he sees Cassandra Zerek reading to a group of school children, he believes he has found the right person. But Cassandra plans to become a nun. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Oyster Pirates: The Wells Fargo Trail, Book 6 RC 45941
by Jim Walker
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Wells Fargo agent Zac Cobb, on his way to Sacramento aboard the *Delta King* to pick up a gold shipment for San Francisco, rescues from the river a young boy named Jack. On the way back, Jack and Skip, Zac's adopted son, are kidnapped when the *Delta King* is hijacked. In his search for the children, Zac uncovers corruption on the river. Sequel to *The Desert Hawks (RC 45940)*. 1996.

Exile's Song: A Novel of Darkover RC 45949
by Marion Zimmer Bradley
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes
Margaret Alton left Darkover as a child. Now as a musicologist, she returns with Professor Davidson, who has become like a father to her, to study the folk songs and musical instruments of the planet. But Margaret's visit is not a happy one, for shortly after arriving her beloved professor dies, and long-suppressed painful memories begin to surface. Some strong language. 1996.

The Shadow Matrix: A Novel of Darkover RC 45950
by Marion Zimmer Bradley
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
4 cassettes
In *Exile's Song (RC 45949)*, Margaret Alton returned to her home planet of Darkover, where she discovered her latent powers. Now she and Mikhail Lanart-Hastur want to marry, but first Margaret must learn to control her gift. She becomes overshadowed by an evil force that leaves a powerful, harmful shadow matrix etched into her left hand. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Vegas Sunrise RC 45958
by Fern Michaels
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Vegas Heat (RC 44138)*, Fanny Thornton retires and relinquishes the casino administration to her late husband's illegitimate son, Jeff Lassiter. But then her son Birch unexpectedly returns with a greedy wife and rivalry erupts. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Appointment with the Squire RC 45985
by Don Davis
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
In 1945, German dictator Adolf Hitler dispatches an agent to assassinate U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt. Making his way to Georgia by U-boat, the agent awaits an opportunity at Roosevelt's retreat in Warm Springs. An American intelligence officer, however, is on the trail. Violence and strong language. 1995.

Shiloh Autumn RC 45992
by Bodie and Brock Thoene
read by Jill Ferris
4 cassettes
To the Tuckers and other cotton farmers of Shiloh, Arkansas, the 1929 stock market crash was a remote event that seemed unrelated to their way of life. Then the cotton market collapses in 1931, causing the Tuckers to lose their farm and brave an arduous trek in search of a new life in California. 1996.

A Murder of Crows RC 45996
by Steve Shepard
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Embittered by the Soviet loss of the cold war, a cabal of Russian generals plots to install scores of remote-controlled nuclear devices around the United States. A rural Nebraska physician, who happens upon a related mysterious incident, becomes the target of Russian agents and the FBI. Violence and strong language. 1996.

A Booke of Days: A Novel of the Crusades RC 46022
by Stephen J. Rivele
read by Christopher Walker
3 cassettes
To atone for sins of the flesh, a French nobleman enlists in the First Crusade to Jerusalem in 1096. He chronicles the "armed pilgrimage" as it degenerates from a noble quest for salvation to a chaotic campaign of savagery and greed. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Traveling with the Dead RC 46023
by Barbara Hambly
read by Vanessa Maroney
3 cassettes
Pre-World War I Europe. Ex-British agent John Asher of *Those Who Hunt the Night (RC 31645)* pursues a vampire, Ysidro, and an Austrian spy across Europe. John does not know that his young bride, Lydia, is following him, hoping to help. And Lydia seeks the aid of the vampire. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 1995.

Bad Vibes RC 46032
by Alberto Fuguet
read by Peter Gil
2 cassettes
Chile, 1980. Seventeen-year-old Matías Vicuña is a wealthy teenager growing up with drugs and rock 'n' roll. The country is struggling with a military siege imposed by dictator Augusto Pinochet. Matías tires of his life, of politics, and of Chile in general. With his family life and country in crisis, Matías decides it's time to grow up. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Tangled June: A Dave Garrett Mystery RC 46033
by Neil Albert
read by Bob Moore
2 cassettes
P.I. Dave Garrett's assistant, Lisa, a transexual, wants to impress him by handling an investigation on her own. Noticing something odd about his background file, Lisa sets out to prove that Dave's birth parents are not who he thinks they are. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Sea of Trees RC 46036
by Yannick Murphy
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
At the close of World War II, twelve-year-old Tian leaves Japanese captivity with her French mother and sister. They journey to Shanghai and to Saigon in search of Tian's Chinese father, who disappeared in the war. Ultimately, Tian lands in America in search of a stable life. Strong language and violence. 1997.

Big Girls Don't Cry RC 46042
by Connie Briscoe
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
A contemporary story that explores problems of family, race, and career. Naomi Jefferson, an African American, grew up in the shadow of her older brother, Joshua, a civil-rights activist. After his death, Naomi becomes disillusioned with her white-dominated college and profession. She starts her own business and confronts new challenges. Some strong language. 1996.

Devil's Food RC 46045
by Anthony Bruno
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
Following a prison riot, warden Loretta Kovacs is demoted to the "jump squad," chasing parole violators. She tracks her first fugitive, a dope-money laundress who skipped to Florida after ripping off a biker gang. Kovacs jockeys with the angry motorcyclists and federal agents who are also after her mark. Strong language. 1997.

Past Continuous RC 46048
by Denise Goff
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
Family life in Newcastle, England, as seen through the eyes of a great-niece. While visiting her grandmother through the years, Megan observes her three great-aunts, Emily, Alice, and May. Gradually, the story of their loves and losses during World War II and beyond is revealed to the young girl. 1995.

The Underground Man RC 46055
by Mick Jackson
read by George Holmes
2 cassettes
Portrays the eccentric, self-absorbed fifth duke of Portland, who devised a network of tunnels beneath his estate in order to conceal his comings and goings. Presents a fictionalized chronicle of the wealthy Victorian hypochondriac's musings on nature, his health, and his confused encounters with life. 1997.

***The Circus in the Attic* and Other Stories RC 46060**
by Robert Penn Warren
read by Robert Sams
2 cassettes
A collection of stories that variously portray Southern small town society, rural life, and a professor in academia. "Blackberry Winter" is a man's boyhood reminiscence about a rude drifter who visited his family's Kentucky farm years ago and made an indelible impression. 1947.

Bundori: A Novel of Japan RC 46062
by Laura Joh Rowland
read by Robert Sams
3 cassettes
Sequel to *Shinju (RC 43369)*. In 1689 Japan, samurai Sano probes a spate of "bundori," or "war trophy" killings, whose victims are descendants of warriors who were involved in an ancient intrigue. The fact that Sano's suspects are powerful political figures complicates his efforts and imperils his life. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Catherine and Amanda: The Calhoun Women, Book 1 RC 46063
by Nora Roberts
read by Sharon Murray
2 cassettes
The Calhoun women can no longer keep up their family home and decide to sell it to a hotel chain. Of course, everything would change if only they could find their great-grandma's legendary emerald necklace. Then Catherine falls in love with hotel owner Trent, and Amanda falls for the architect. Prequel to *Lilah and Suzanna (RC 46064)*. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1991.

Bloodletter RC 46067
by K.W. Jeter
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
In order to counter Cardassian expansion, Major Kira is given the task of establishing a Federation substation on the other side of the wormhole. Her mission is jeopardized when a Bajoran terrorist who has sworn to kill Kira manages to shut down the wormhole, trapping her alone on the other side of the galaxy. A Star Trek *Deep Space Nine* novel. 1993.

The Case of the Mythical Monkeys RC 46068
by Erle Stanley Gardner
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes (Reissue)
A famous author hires an attractive young secretary, Gladys; sends her on a free ski weekend; and gives her explicit directions for a return shortcut. When Gladys is lost, she finds refuge in a cabin but confronts a corpse. She goes to Perry Mason for help. 1959.

Rage of a Demon King: Serpentwar Saga, Volume 3 RC 46070
by Raymond E. Feist
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes
The soldier Erik von Darkmoor and his companion, Rupert Avery, are battling for the survival of their world. The demons serving Maarg, the Ruler of the Fifth Circle, seek to penetrate the portals of Midkemia, but the magicians plot to thwart them. Sequel to *Rise of a Merchant Prince (RC 44241)*. Violence. 1997.

The Silver Stone: Keepers of the Hidden Ways, Book 2 RC 46072
by Joel Rosenberg
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
Ian Silverstein is beginning to feel at home in the small town of Hardwood, North Dakota, but the adventures that test his skills as a fencer and prove his valor take place in the magical realm of Tir Na Nog. Sequel to *The Fire Duke (RC 43668)*. Some strong language. 1996.

Murder Olé! A Benbow and Wingate Mystery RC 46073
by Corinne Holt Sawyer
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
After taking Spanish lessons, the residents of California retirement community Camden-sur-Mer decide to take a series of bus trips to Mexico. As usual, friends and amateur sleuths Angela Benbow and Caledonia Wingate stumble upon mystery and murder while south of the border. 1997.

The Investigators: Badge of Honor, Book 7 RC 46077
by W.E.B. Griffin
read by Ray Foushee
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Murderers (RC 40405)*, detective Matt Payne probes police corruption and assists the FBI in tracking a band of urban terrorists. As both cases begin to heat up, Payne falls in love with a key suspect and runs afoul of the law. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Best-seller 1997.

The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton RC 46078
by Jane Smiley
read by Terry Hayes Sales
4 cassettes
At twenty years of age, plain, tomboyish Lidie marries abolitionist Thomas Newton, traveling with him to the Kansas Territory in the 1850s. Prairie life is hard and abolitionists are greatly despised, but Lidie is good with horses—and guns. After Thomas is murdered, Lidie dresses as a man and sets off to find his killer, discovering herself in the process. Some violence. Bestseller 1998.

Tallchief RC 46082
by Dinah McCall
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Morgan Tallchief is devastated when his lover and her family are reported lost in an explosion. Years later, when Tallchief's lover emerges from a witness protection program and resumes their romance, ex-commando Tallchief faces daunting odds to protect her. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Pretending the Bed Is a Raft RC 46083
by Nanci Kincaid
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Eight short stories concerning southern women and the meaning of love. In the title story, a young mother dying of cancer decides to enjoy the life she has left and to find her husband a new wife. In "Won't Nobody Ever Love You like Your Daddy Does," a young girl discovers her pretty mother's infidelity. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Nobody's Child RC 46085
by Janet Dawson
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Oakland detective Jeri Howard is hired by a wealthy alcoholic to determine if a body found in Berkeley is that of her runaway daughter. After ascertaining that it is the missing girl, Jeri sets out to locate the dead girl's baby. Her search leads her among the homeless and destitute in the San Francisco Bay area. 1995.

Thief of Souls RC 46086
by Darian North
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
The charmed life of architect Dan Behr goes haywire when his wife leaves him to join a cult commune. After cult agents snatch his young daughter from him, Behr risks all to penetrate the group in a desperate rescue effort. Violence and descriptions of sex. 1997.

As She Climbed across the Table RC 46091
by Jonathan Lethem
read by Barry Bernson
1 cassette
Anthropologist Philip Engstrand teaches at a West Coast university, where his research is considered "strong but irrelevant." He falls in love with particle-physicist Alice Coombs. When Alice and her colleagues discover a "black hole" that demands her attention, Philip finds himself in competition with a void. 1997.

The Prince and the Pilgrim RC 46092
by Mary Stewart
read by Gary Tipton
2 cassettes
Prince Alexander is heading to Camelot

to seek justice for the murder of his father years before. The beautiful young Alice is just returning from a Holy Quest to Jerusalem with her father. Their meeting forms a crossroad for their lives. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Cat Crimes for the Holidays RC 46096
edited by Martin H. Greenberg and others
read by John Polk
3 cassettes
Nineteen original mysteries, each involving a cat at the scene of the crime or as a feline sleuth. Various holidays throughout the year provide the settings for these stories, which include "How the July Fourth Cat Saved the Day and Ruined the Night" and "To Grandmother's House We Go." 1997.

Buffalo Wagons RC 46101
by Elmer Kelton
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
1873. The plains are almost devoid of buffalo. Only one large herd remains, but it is in Comanche territory. Gage Jameson joins a group of skinners desperate enough to venture into the hostile land and risk their lives. 1956.

Bear and His Daughter: Stories RC 46102
by Robert Stone
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
In this collection of six short stories and a novella, Stone explores the dark side of human nature. His characters confront the aftermath of abortions, drug-dealing, and an excursion to a volcano gone awry. The title piece depicts the complicated relationship between a father and his grown daughter. Some strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 1997.

***Foggy Mountain Breakdown* and Other Stories RC 46104**
by Sharyn McCrumb
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
A collection of suspenseful short stories. In the title story, a bully always "borrows" a boy's homemade bike but later dies when it falls apart. In "Not All Brides Are Beautiful," a journalist marries a serial killer in jail in order to write his story, and then the prisoner is released on a technicality. 1997.

Pandora: New Tales of the Vampires RC 46125
by Anne Rice
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
A fledgling vampire, David Talbot, persuades the two-thousand-year-old Pandora to record her life story. Her tale begins in Rome, 15 B.C., where she was born and later fell in love with the still-mortal Marius, the man who changed her destiny. Some violence. Bestseller 1998.

A Widow for One Year RC 46127
by John Irving
read by Annie Wauters
5 cassettes
Ruth Cole, who will become a well-known author, is four in the summer of 1958 when events that define her future occur. Her parents are divorcing; her mother, Marion, has an affair with sixteen-year-old Eddie O'Hare, who reminds her of one of her two dead sons; and her father continues to tell stories. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Cities of the Plain: The Border Trilogy, Volume 3 RC 46128
by Cormac McCarthy
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
In post-World War II New Mexico, cowboys like to drift into Mexico to drink and choose prostitutes. John Grady Cole finds one of the youngest, who has epilepsy, especially attractive. Billy Parham and the others try to dissuade him, but John Grady is a determined young man. Companion to *The Crossing (RC 39865)*. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

While Still We Live RC 46145
by Helen MacInnes
read by Mary Woods
4 cassettes
During World War II, Sheila Matthews is enjoying her vacation in Poland so much that she ignores her uncle's entreaties to return to London. When Sheila does try to leave the country, she is mistaken for a Nazi spy and trapped in a foreign land. 1944.

Nowhere to Hide RC 46151
by James Elliott
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
After witnessing the killing of a "john" for embezzling from the Mafia, prostitute Nicole Bass escapes with his loot. As sole witness to the murder, Bass is put under the protection of detective Jack Kirby, whose problems worsen when he falls in love with his charge. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

Codes of Betrayal RC 46154
by Dorothy Uhnak
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
After his only child is killed because of his gangster relatives, New York policeman Nick O'Hara's life falls apart. He gets involved in illegal activities and then agrees with the DEA to inform on his grandfather, mob boss Nicholas Ventura. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Freedom's Choice RC 46157
by Anne McCaffrey
read by Mary Woods
2 cassettes
In this sequel to *Freedom's Landing (RC 42013)*, the colonists on Botany are cautiously exploring the new territory. A Catteni rebel, Zainal, and his human lover and interpreter, Kris, want to settle in but are leery of the absentee Farmers. Zainal is gaining credibility with the humans, but his family is still trying to lure him back. 1997.

Nevernever RC 46166
by Will Shetterly
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Ron is still under the elf's spell that turned him into Wolfboy. He wonders about interspecies dating while struggling to return to his human form. His search for a missing elf leads him to strange discoveries about Leda—his enchantress—and about himself. Sequel to *Elsewhere (RC 46165)*. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. For senior high readers. 1993.

Hard Winter at Broken Arrow Crossing RC 46177
by Stephen Bly
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
Stuart Brannon, lost in a blinding snowstorm, has almost given up finding Broken Arrow Crossing when he senses smoke in the air. He seeks refuge with Everett Davis, who usually stays at the stage station during the winter, but Everett has been badly wounded. Then others, including a pregnant Indian girl, straggle into the station seeking shelter. 1991.

Homeport RC 46181
by Nora Roberts
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
Dr. Miranda Jones works in her family's business as an art expert specializing in bronzes. After identifying a statue as genuine that later proves to be fake, Miranda's reputation is ruined. Determined to find the real sculpture, Miranda joins forces with handsome art thief Ryan Boldari and soon finds herself falling in love. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

The Night Remembers RC 46185
by Kathleen Eagle
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Fleeing her abusive ex-lover and her teaching job in upstate New York, Angela Prescott settles in Minneapolis. With a new home and a new identity, she befriends a homeless twelve-year-old, who helps her get a job as a waitress. Then she is attacked by a gang, helped by a "masked" man, and finds that she has a whole new family. Some strong language. 1997.

Spirits of the Ordinary: A Tale of Casas Grandes RC 46187
by Kathleen Alcalá
read by Peter Gil
2 cassettes
Three generations of the Caravals are affected when, against the wishes of his family, Zacarías persists in prospecting for gold in northern Mexico in the 1870s. Witnessing a tragedy transforms Zacarías in unexpected ways with unplanned consequences. 1997.

Part of the Furniture RC 46189
by Mary Wesley
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Young Juno Marlowe has always been neglected by her family, treated as "part of the furniture." Caught in an air raid in war-torn London, she is rescued by a dying man. She promises to deliver a mysterious letter to her rescuer's father, Robert Copplestone, and finds new acceptance within his family. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Switcheroo RC 46191
by Olivia Goldsmith
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
Now that her twins are off to college, forty-year-old Sylvie plans to put some romance back in her marriage. But her husband, Bob, has found his own adventure—with Marla, a bimbo and a dead ringer for a much younger Sylvie. Instead of confronting Bob, Sylvie undergoes plastic surgery, and she and Marla secretly trade places. Some strong language. 1998.

The House Gun RC 46196
by Nadine Gordimer
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
Harald and Claudia Lindgard—a professional, middle-aged South African couple—have their lives shattered when their son Duncan, in a crime of passion, murders a friend. The trial raises the question whether a violent society provokes violence, especially in view of the decades of repression and state brutality under apartheid. 1998.

Rose Cottage RC 46199
by Mary Stewart
read by Corrie James
2 cassettes
In 1947, Kate Herrick returns to Rose Cottage, her childhood home in northern England, to retrieve some of her Gran's belongings and ship them to her in Scotland. But when Kate arrives, she discovers someone else has been there and removed some family mementos. As Kate, a war widow, looks for answers, she finds herself being drawn back into her old community. 1997.

Rose Daughter RC 46201
by Robin McKinley
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
In this version of *Beauty and the Beast*, Beauty can make things grow, especially roses. Her talents and gifts help her father and sisters survive bankruptcy, and help her to love the Beast. Ultimately Beauty must decide if she should restore the Beast to his human form. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

A Day for Dying: An Inspector Luke Thanet Novel RC 46228
by Dorothy Simpson
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Inspector Thanet investigates the murder of Max Jeopard at his own engagement party. There are many suspects with plenty of motives, so it takes all the inspector's skill to deduce the cause of Max's drowning during the festivities. 1995.

Patty Jane's House of Curl RC 46229
by Lorna Landvik
read by Ann Hodapp
2 cassettes
Patty Jane's brand-new marriage to handsome Thor falls apart when he can't handle her pregnancy. He vanishes, and Patty Jane raises their daughter, Nora, with the help of her sister, Harriet; Thor's mother; and the clients of Patty Jane's Minnesota beauty parlor. Meanwhile, Harriet's own storybook romance to a tiny millionaire ends in tragedy. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

New Stories from the South: The Year's Best, 1990 RC 46234
edited by Shannon Ravenel
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
2 cassettes
Sixteen short stories by writers from the South. In "Spittin' Image of a Baptist Boy," three children are introduced to their new stepgrandmother, who has come to "check out the divorcée." In "Zoe," a teenager meets another of her mother's new boyfriends. Strong language and some violence. 1990.

Ride against the Wind RC 46251
by Terrell L. Bowers
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Stover Gates has hated the Danmyers since one of them killed his brother years ago. When Jerrod Danmyer helps Stover's daughter Marian get her wagon and horse team out of a mire, Stover is furious. But life on the Kansas prairie is hard in the late 1800s, and a plague of locusts changes Stover's feelings about his neighbors. 1996.

Bridget Jones's Diary RC 46267
by Helen Fielding
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
2 cassettes
Despite a long list of resolutions, British Bridget Jones's year gets off to "an exceptionally bad start" when her parents try to fix up their thirtyish dateless daughter with their friends' unappealing divorced son. But all is not lost—it appears that Bridget's crush on her boss is developing into a two-sided flirtation. Strong language. Bestseller 1996.

The Spyglass Tree RC 46274
by Albert Murray
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
Alabama, 1920s. Scooter, the African American student last seen in *Train Whistle Guitar (RC 46275)*, leaves Mobile on a scholarship to the state college. Although homesick, Scooter adjusts to campus life, discovering the local blues scene and perfecting his craft as a musician. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

Hocus: An Irene Kelly Mystery RC 46279
by Jan Burke
read by Catherine Byers
2 cassettes
A group calling itself Hocus has defied authorities by freeing animals from a shelter, eliminating book charges at the library, and waiving fees for bank customers. But when reporter Irene Kelly's detective husband, Frank Harriman, helps capture two Hocus members, the group takes him hostage. Some violence and some strong language. 1997.

A Parisian from Kansas RC 46282
by Philippe Tapon
read by Christopher Hurt
3 cassettes
Tapon describes his meeting with Darren, an HIV-positive gay American living in Paris, and Darren's wish to have a book written about his life. The author then blends fiction with autobiography, keeping the reader informed of the novel's progress as Darren tells his story. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Story of the Night RC 46287
by Colm Toibin
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
Half British, half Argentine homosexual Richard Garay lives the quiet life of an English teacher in Buenos Aires. As the Falklands War approaches, he is recruited by American agents who hope to benefit from his cultural insights. Caught in a web of intrigue, Garay suffers betrayal and tragedy. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

The Gun Seller RC 46294
by Hugh Laurie
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
When former British army officer Thomas Lang is offered a contract to assassinate a business tycoon, he declines the job and sets out to warn the imperiled man. As Lang's mission of mercy runs him afoul of arms dealers and spies, he resorts to some innovative and zany measures to survive. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Slant RC 46296
by Greg Bear
read by Barbara Caruso
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Queen of Angels (RC 32750)*, public defender Mary Choy investigates a double murder and learns that the nanotechnology responsible for controlling many global problems is failing. At the same time, Jill—a special form of artificial intelligence—is attacked by Roddy, a similar being of unknown origin. Some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. 1997.

The House on Coliseum Street RC 46302
by Shirley Ann Grau
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Joan Mitchell lives in a century-old house in New Orleans with her mother, Aurelie, and her four stepsisters. One summer in the late 1950s, Joan, age twenty, is engaged to the upstanding Fred Aleman but has an affair with Michael Kern, one of her sister's cast-off beaus. The relationship shakes her hold on reality. Strong language. 1961.

Let It Bleed RC 46304
by Ian Rankin
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes
While investigating three suicides, Scottish Inspector John Rebus uncovers political corruption in Edinburgh. Rebus is placed on leave for questioning politicians and other monied interests. Continuing his snooping, Rebus also contends with his estranged daughter and his new boss, an ex-lover. 1996.

Matters of Choice RC 46306
by Noah Gordon
read by Phil Davidson
2 cassettes
The last of the Cole family trilogy, following *The Physician (RC 24745)* and *Shaman (RC 36314)*. Dr. R.J. Cole, a physician in Boston, decides to leave her loveless marriage and her dead-end job at a prestigious hospital. Hoping for a happier life, she opens a family practice in the Berkshires. Some strong language. 1996.

Through the Breach RC 46309
by David Drake
read by Christopher Hurt
2 cassettes
General Commander Ricimer and Stephen Gregg are planning a mission, the Venus Asteroid Expedition, with the covert aim of penetrating Landolph's Breach in the Mirror. Jeremy Moore has his own reasons for wanting to join the expedition and gains acceptance by unorthodox means. Sequel to *Igniting the Reaches (RC 39385)*. Some violence. 1995.

An Excellent Mystery: A Chronicle of Brother Cadfael RC 46311
by Ellis Peters
read by Tom Martin
2 cassettes
In August 1141, two Benedictine brothers seek refuge at Shrewsbury after their abbey is destroyed in a feud between King Stephen and Empress Maud. Brother Cadfael welcomes the two new monks—one is suffering from an old wound, and the other is unable to speak—but he is uneasy about the relationship between them. 1985.

Summer Sisters RC 46337
by Judy Blume
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Santa Fe sixth-grader Vix is thrilled when new classmate Caitlin asks her to spend the summer with her on Martha's Vineyard. The summers go on for six years, during which Vix falls in love with Bru, an island resident. Now, years later, Caitlin calls to say she is marrying Bru. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

An Isolated Incident RC 46353
by Susan R. Sloan
read by Barbara Pinolini
3 cassettes
When a teenage girl is brutally murdered in a remote Washington State island community, suspicion turns to a Jewish schoolteacher from the East. In a rush to placate the public's demand for revenge, the police manipulate key evidence and set the stage for a tragic climax. Strong language and violence. 1998.

Tom Clancy's Op-Center: Balance of Power RC 46356
by Tom Clancy and Steve Pieczenik
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Op-Center representative Martha Mackall is on her way to meet with a member of Spain's Congress of Deputies when she is assassinated. Spain has been poised on the brink of another civil war, and Martha's task was to help avert the disaster. Her death appears to be the first salvo in the conflict. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1998.

High Crimes RC 46358
by Joseph Finder
read by Annie Wauters
2 cassettes
When the FBI tries to arrest Tom Chapman, his wife, Claire Heller, a Harvard law professor, learns that Tom is really army sergeant Ron Kubik, a fugitive for thirteen years. Claire defends her husband at his court-martial because she is determined to know the truth about him. Some strong language and some violence. Bestseller 1998.

A Wasteland of Strangers RC 46363
by Bill Pronzini
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
When John Faith pulls into the derelict northern California resort town of Pomo, his presence threatens the locals. Being large, ugly, and aimless with money disturbs many people. When a wealthy and beautiful widow is murdered, Faith becomes the most likely suspect. Written in several first-person narratives. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Freedomland RC 46431
by Richard Price
read by Chuck Benson
4 cassettes
Single mother Brenda Martin, who is white, comes to the emergency room claiming she was carjacked and assaulted by a black man. Her preschooler was in the back seat. Knowing the city is already enveloped in racial turmoil, Detective Lorenzo Council and reporter Jesse Haus compete to uncover the facts. Violence and strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Cat Who Sang for the Birds RC 46432
by Lilian Jackson Braun
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
An elderly widow dies in a house fire after promising to leave her farm to the county. When a young artist also dies suspiciously, Qwilleran suspects that more than spring has arrived in Pickax. Meanwhile the Siamese cats Koko and Yum Yum enjoy a gazebo that has been built for their birdwatching pleasure. Bestseller 1998.

Tom Clancy's Op-Center: Games of State RC 46433
by Tom Clancy and Steve Pieczenik
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
Paul Hood is in Germany to buy the latest in high-tech equipment for a new regional Op-Center. But his work is hindered by the upheaval of the neo-Nazi's Chaos Days, when the group plans to create havoc in Europe and the United States. A young American girl, in Germany as part of a film crew, gets caught in the madness. Violence and strong language. Bestseller 1996.

The Vampire's Beautiful Daughter RC 46437
by S.P. Somtow
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
When a part-Jewish, part-Lakota boy and a half-mortal, half-vampire girl fall for each other, decisions have to be made—fast. On Halloween, they'll both turn sixteen and Rebecca's father is planning her devivification party to make her a vampire forever. Some violence. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

The King's Secret Matter RC 46442
by Jean Plaidy
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
A fictional account of intrigue in the court of the Tudor king Henry VIII. Without a male heir, Henry plots to divorce his first wife, Katharine of Aragon, in order to marry his mistress, Anne Boleyn. Katharine and her daughter Mary are forced apart into exile. 1995.

Once a Warrior RC 46443
by Karyn Monk
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
In 1207, with his peaceable clan facing attack, MacKendrick sends for the great warrior MacFane and his armies. They never appear, and MacKendrick is killed. His daughter searches for MacFane and learns he is now an injured drunk. Disguised as a boy, she convinces him to train her clan to fight. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Cloudy in the West RC 46448
by Elmer Kelton
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
East Texas, 1885. Twelve-year-old Joey Shipman is orphaned. Although he inherited his father's ranch, he is forced to flee when his stepmother and her new husband try to kill him. Joey searches for his drunken cousin Beau in west Texas, but the two are soon on the run after a deadly encounter with Joey's stepfather. 1997.

Booth: A Novel RC 46449
by David Robertson
read by David Hartley-Margolin
2 cassettes
A fictional portrayal of John H. Surratt, the only conspirator in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln who was not killed or executed. Recruited in 1916 to appear in a D.W. Griffith film, Surratt revisits his old diary, which chronicles his involvement in the plot of 1865. Some descriptions of sex. 1998.

Illusions RC 46451
by Janet Dailey
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Bodyguard Delaney Wescott is called to New York to protect movie star Lucas Wayne from his former lover, Rina Cole. Lucas is somewhat hesitant to deal with a female protector, but soon realizes Delaney is good at her job. Delaney, however, has much more to deal with, including her former lover and a murder. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

When Lightning Strikes RC 46462
by Kristin Hannah
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Romance author Lainie Costanza passes out while writing at the computer and wakes up in the setting of her book —a western about a woman captured by a bank robber and rescued by the hero. Instead, Lainie and the villain develop an odd relationship. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1994.

The Madhouse Nudes RC 46463
by Robert Schultz
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
John Ordway is a successful painter of nudes in New York City. With his girlfriend, Jamie, he moves to a small town in Iowa to work in peace. Jamie later returns to city life, and John suffers a nervous breakdown. When one of John's local models is attacked, he is arrested. Confused, John is not sure that he didn't do it. 1997.

Visitors RC 46467
by Anita Brookner
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
Dorothea May, a wealthy widow for fifteen years, is not pleased when her late husband's family asks her for a favor. She reluctantly agrees to provide a room for the best man in their granddaughter's wedding. Although he and his friends are charmless, distasteful, and rude, their arrival forces Dorothea to reassess her lonely existence. 1997.

St. Burl's Obituary RC 46469
by Daniel Akst
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Burl Bennett is an obese, cantankerous obituary writer for a New York newspaper who inadvertently witnesses a mob killing. Fleeing the city, Burl settles in Utah, where his girth increases even more. Alarmed, Burl tackles his weight problem with surgery and returns home a new man in both body and personality. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1996.

Murder on the *Titanic* RC 46478
by Jim Walker
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Morgan Fairfield is returning to America to start his career. On the way to board the *Titanic*, a dying man implores him to deliver a parcel to the War Department in Washington. Also on the ship is Margaret Hastings, Morgan's ex-girlfriend and true love. When the ship starts sinking, Morgan realizes that only through the grace of God will they survive. 1998.

Soulfire RC 46491
by Lorri Hewett
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette
Teenager Todd Williams's older brother Marcus runs with a gang in their Denver neighborhood. When their cousin Ezekiel tries to stop another cousin, Tommy, from joining Marcus's gang, both are shot. Hoping to avoid following in his brother's footsteps, Todd learns to rely on himself. Some violence and some strong language. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

Panther in the Basement RC 46496
by Amos Oz
read by Ken Kliban
1 cassette
The British are in charge of Palestine in 1947 when a young Jewish boy nicknamed Proffy exchanges Hebrew for English lessons with a British policeman. A companion who spies on him writes "Proffy is a low-down traitor" on the wall of his house, causing Proffy to reevaluate the meanings of words like enemy and traitor. 1995.

Of Illustrious Men RC 46497
by Jean Rouaud
read by Robert Blumenfeld
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Fields of Glory (RC 36002)*, the author portrays the life of his father, a traveling salesman in the Loire Valley of France. Describes his deprived childhood, his heroic service in World War II, his happy family life, and his sudden, tragic death at age forty-one. 1994.

Legacy of Silence RC 46506
by Belva Plain
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
When it becomes obvious that World War II is imminent, Caroline Hartzinger and her adopted older sister, Lore, flee from Berlin to Geneva. Walter, who plans to wed Caroline, goes with them. Life takes a dramatic turn and Caroline and Lore escape to America alone. But their time in Switzerland provides a legacy that affects several generations. Bestseller 1998.

The Eleventh Commandment RC 46508
by Jeffrey Archer
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Connor Fitzgerald has worked for the CIA for twenty-eight years, although his family thinks he works for Maryland Insurance. Now his boss, Helen Dexter, is out to destroy him. After Connor manages to eliminate a Colombian presidential candidate, he is sent to Russia —supposedly at the president's request —to assassinate a candidate there. But Connor is the one scheduled to die. Bestseller 1998.

The Klone and I: A High-Tech Love Story RC 46518
by Danielle Steel
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
In Paris to meet her children, Stephanie spends a day sightseeing with Peter Baker—a handsome, courteous American businessman. Back in New York, he creates a companion for her while he is traveling: a robotic clone named Paul. Steph loves both conservative Peter and flashy, sexy Paul, but she must choose between them. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Flight of Eagles RC 46521
by Jack Higgins
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
Identical twins—sons of an American aviation hero and a German baroness —find themselves on opposite sides in World War II. Being crack pilots, both Baron Max von Halder and Harry Kelso quickly become heroes in their respective air forces, until—in a desperate assassination plot—the brothers swap identities. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Unspeakable RC 46685
by Sandra Brown
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
When Carl Herbold escapes from jail, he is bent on revenge. Knowing that Carl has escaped, Jack Sawyer has a mission, too. He must do all he can to protect Delray Corbett—whom Carl despises—as well as Delray's grandson David and daughter-in-law Anna, who is deaf. As their lives intersect, death and destruction follow. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

A Cottage by the Sea RC 46721
by Ciji Ware
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Blythe Barton Stowe divorces her British movie-director husband after he has an affair with her sister. She retreats to Barton Hall in Cornwall where she eerily learns more about her ancestors, whom her late Wyoming grandmother insisted were Cornish. Meanwhile she falls for the hall's present owner. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Photocopies RC 46724
by John Berger
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Twenty-nine short stories written as snapshots of people the author, an art critic, has known. In "A House Designed by Le Corbusier," a Russian mother waits fourteen years for her son to return from the Gulag. In "A Painting of an Electric Light Bulb," a poor artist shares

his work with an art critic who cannot help him. 1996.

Hardball: A Cat Marsala Mystery
RC 46727
by Barbara D'Amato
read by Mary Woods
1 cassette
Cat Marsala, a freelance writer, accompanies her uncle to a symposium debating the decriminalization of drugs in Illinois. She hopes to interview the leader of the pro-legalization movement, Louise Sugarman. A bomb explodes during the meeting, killing Sugarman and wounding Cat. Sensing a great story, Cat pursues the killer. Some strong language and some violence. 1990.

Only the River Runs Free RC 46729
by Bodie and Brock Thoene
read by Jill Ferris
2 cassettes
Just as Mad Molly Fahey predicted, it seems a miracle has come to Ballynockanor this Christmas Eve, 1841. Fifteen years earlier, while the lord of the manor lay dying, his son supposedly died in the frozen river. The new landlord made life difficult for the villagers. But now a stranger, Joseph Connor, has crossed the river, and soon hope comes once more to Ballynockanor. 1997.

The Grandmothers: A Family Portrait
RC 46733
by Glenway Wescott
read by Bill Wallace
2 cassettes
While growing up in rural Wisconsin, Alwyn Tower absorbs his grandmothers' murmurings about relatives whose hair locks and daguerreotypes were preserved in albums. The women's memories of Civil War times mingled with pioneering in the Midwest. Alwyn records the family stories, filling in details from his informed imagination. He captures a "short biography of America." Originally published in 1927. 1996.

Guide RC 46745
by Dennis Cooper
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Lurid story of a gay group's descent into a perverse and drug-wracked gay urban demiworld. Describes the aimless and desperate lives of burned-out drifters who thrive on child pornography and sadistic fantasies. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

All through the Night RC 46746
by Connie Brockway
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
In Regency England, special agent Jack Seward is searching for a thief who is targeting the prince's elite circle of friends. A sexually charged encounter between Jack and the culprit reveals that the burglar is a woman. But Jack doesn't realize she is the widow he's courting. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

Coast Road RC 46755
by Barbara Delinsky
read by Erik Sandvold
3 cassettes
When his ex-wife, artist Rachel Keats, falls into a coma after a car accident, overworked architect Jack McGill retreats to Big Sur to take care of his fifteen- and thirteen-year-old daughters, Samantha and Hope. Once there, Jack realizes how much he's missed his family and tries to regain their love. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Giant Bones RC 46757
by Peter S. Beagle
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
Six short stories in which magic is part of daily life. In "The Last Song of Sirit Byar," a traveling minstrel, knowing the power of songs, reserves one to be used only when he is ready to die. "Lal and Soukyan" brings back characters from *The Innkeeper's Song (RC 39098)*. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

Extraordinary People with Disabilities RC 45510
by Deborah Kent and Kathryn A. Quinlan
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Profiles of forty-eight notable individuals with disabilities who excelled in science, politics, academia, communications, the arts, sports, and other fields. Describes how each faced uncommon personal challenges and achieved extraordinary things. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Earth Always Endures: Native American Poems RC 45951
by Neil Philip
read by Bill Wallace
1 cassette
A collection of sixty poems from various Native American groups. Concise, eloquent phrases convey a respect for nature and for human qualities. Many reveal the spiritual aspects of tribal life. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1996.

Tubes in My Ears: My Trip to the Hospital RC 45954
by Virginia Dooley
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
A young boy tells of going to the hospital for minor ear surgery. He discusses the people and instruments that surrounded him and describes how he felt before and after the procedure. For grades K-3. 1996.

Elephant Woman: Cynthia Moss Explores the World of Elephants RC 46051
by Laurence Pringle
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
For more than twenty-five years, Cynthia Moss has been studying the elephants of Amboseli National Park in southern Kenya and knows hundreds of them by sight. Describes her work and

the elephants' way of life. For grades 5-8. 1997.

God's Story RC 46089
by Jan Mark
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
Twelve Bible stories from the Old Testament retold for modern readers. Includes the story of the Creation, Cain and Abel, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, Moses, Joseph, the parting of the Red Sea, and others. For grades 6-9. 1997.

The Planet Hunters: The Search for Other Worlds RC 46099
by Dennis Brindell Fradin
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
A history of astronomy from the earliest civilizations, when man observed the stars with only the naked eye, to 1997, when the Hubble Space Telescope orbited the earth. Describes the discovery of planets and other contributions by early and recent scientists. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Cricket Never Does: A Collection of Haiku and Tanka RC 46169
by Myra Cohn Livingston
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
Sixty-seven examples of Japanese verse celebrating nature and people. Divided into spring, summer, fall, and winter. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Buddha Stories RC 46170
by Demi
read by Kimberly Schraf
1 cassette
A collection of ten tales told by Buddha to teach basic human truths. Each tale sets up a situation with animals or sometimes humans and ends with a moral, for example, "Treat others with kindness and your deeds will be rewarded." For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1997.

The Life and Times of the Honeybee RC 46172
by Charles Micucci
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Covers the life cycle of the honeybee, introducing the three types of bees and their specific jobs within the colony. Also explains how they make honey, shows how beekeepers help in the production, and discusses the various types of honey. Includes a history of bees beginning in the age of dinosaurs. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1995.

Revolutionary Poet: A Story about Phillis Wheatley RC 46214
by Maryann N. Weidt
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Biography of the first African American woman poet in the United States. Brought to Boston as a young slave girl in 1761, Phillis is educated by the Wheatley family and assisted in publishing her poems. Includes descriptions of her living conditions and events leading up to the Revolutionary War. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Ballooning RC 46216
by Phyllis J. Perry
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Describes the history of ballooning, which began in France in the late 1700s when two brothers began experimenting with parachutes and balloons. Also discusses the use of balloons for scientific purposes as well as for fun. Includes list of ballooning terms. For grades 3-6. 1996.

The Nine-Ton Cat: Behind the Scenes at an Art Museum RC 46219
by Peggy Thomson
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
The author explains the work of museum curators, conservators, gardeners, guards, painters, electricians, and librarians as they go about their daily task of planning and caring for the special exhibits, as well as the permanent holdings, at the National Gallery of Art. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1997.

Winston Churchill: Soldier, Statesman, Artist RC 46307
by John B. Severance
read by Ralph Lowenstein
1 cassette
A portrait of the renowned prime minister of Britain, whose public life spanned the first half of the twentieth century. Traces his childhood at boarding school, his military years, and his political career. Depicts his indomitable spirit, leadership genius, and trenchant humor. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Jump Ball: A Basketball Season in Poems RC 46367
by Mel Glenn
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
The story of a championship high school basketball team told in free-verse poems. Follows the home and school life of the players and coach until tragedy strikes on the way to the final game. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Grant Hill RC 46383
by Ken Rappoport
read by Bob Moore
1 cassette
Biography of professional basketball player Grant Hill based on interviews with Hill and those close to him. Recalls his childhood as the son of a famous football player, Calvin Hill; how hard Grant worked to prove that he, too, has awesome athletic skills; and his struggle to make it to the National Basketball Association. For grades 6-9. 1996.

The Good Guys of Baseball: Sixteen True Sports Stories RC 46409
by Terry Egan and others
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Sixteen biographies describing men in baseball who exemplify some of the best traits an athlete can possess on or off the field: loyalty, decency, determination, and the willingness to work hard. Included are Don Wardlow, a sportscaster who is blind, and Jim Abbott, a pitcher who was born with only one hand. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Black, Blue, and Gray: African Americans in the Civil War RC 46490
by Jim Haskins
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
Examines the gradual acceptance of African American soldiers in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Includes excerpts from letters, documented accounts, and government transcripts. The last chapter describes how historians for many years ignored the role of African American troops in the war. For grades 5-8. 1998.

Anne Frank RC 46637
by Rachel Epstein
read by Suzanne Toren
1 cassette
Biography of a Jewish girl who died in the Holocaust at age fifteen. After being hidden from the Nazis for several years, Anne and her family were discov-

ered and transported to concentration camps. Publication of the diary that Anne had kept during the war made her known throughout the world. For grades 3-6. 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

The Enormous Crocodile RC 43544
by Roald Dahl
read by Earle Hyman
1 cassette (Reissue)
An enormous crocodile who devises clever tricks to trap a nice, juicy child for lunch gets exactly what he deserves. A snappy jungle tale for grades K-3. 1978.

Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth RC 44792
by E.L. Konigsburg
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
1 cassette (Reissue)
On Halloween night, Elizabeth, a lonely new student at William McKinley Elementary School, meets Jennifer, who claims to be a master witch. The two girls become friends, practice chants and spells, but have a falling out when Jennifer wants to put their pet toad in a potion. For grades 4-7. 1967.

Arly's Run RC 44981
by Robert Newton Peck
read by Arnie Warren
1 cassette
Florida, 1928. In this sequel to *Arly (RC 34066)*, twelve-year-old Arly Poole escapes from a migrant camp and heads to safety in Moore Haven. Before he can arrive, he is recaptured and forced to become a picker again. Arly manages a second escape as the worst hurricane of the century is fast approaching. For grades 6-9. 1991.

Comfort Creek RC 44988
by Joyce McDonald
read by June Carter
1 cassette
Before he is laid off from his mining job, Pa-Daddy Ellerbee buys the company house he's been renting and moves it and his three daughters out of the company town of Panther Ridge, Florida. Much to the horror of Quin, eleven, and her two sisters, the house is plunked down in swampland and there's no money for electricity or running water. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Sticks RC 45165
by Joan Bauer
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Ten-year-old Mickey wants to win the youth tournament at his grandmother's pool hall. He has his talent, inherited from his late dad, plus the help of math wiz Arlen, who coaches him on shot angles. But he needs more to beat obnoxious thirteen-year-old Buck. When a long-lost billiards-expert friend of his dad's arrives in town, Mickey is overjoyed, but his mom is not. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Harriet's Hare RC 45166
by Dick King-Smith
read by Graci Ragsdale
1 cassette
Harriet awakes early one morning on her father's English farm. In a flattened circle of the wheat field, she meets a talking hare. This hare is a space alien vacationing on Earth. Harriet names him Wiz, short for Wizard, because of his special powers. Thanks to Wiz, Harriet has a magical summer. For grades 2-4. 1995.

A Boy and His Bear RC 45167
by Harriet Graham
read by Cyn Delafield
1 cassette
In Elizabethan England, when bearbaiting was a popular sport, Dickon is apprenticed to a tanner. But he has a gift for handling live animals. When he becomes the trainer of a bear cub, he decides to rescue it from its sad fate by running away with the cub to France. His adventures gain freedom for more than the bear. For grades 4-7. 1994.

The Mystery Machine RC 45168
by Herbie Brennan
read by Cyn Delafield
1 cassette
Herbie's scheme to join the circus as a human cannonball launches him into a neighbor's garden shed. His discoveries in the shed reveal that Mrs. Pomfrey-Parkinson is not merely a cranky old lady; she is a space alien with a hostile plan. Herbie's friend Slider helps him find a solution. For grades 3-6. 1995.

Doctor Moledinky's Castle: A Hometown Tale RC 45169
by Gerald Hausman
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
In related short stories, Andy tells about his adventures and the strange people in his hometown the summer he is twelve. Andy's best friend, Pauly, practically lives at Andy's house and wishes Andy's good-natured parents were his. When Pauly and Andy are hired as animal feeders at Doctor Moledinky's castle, they learn some interesting facts about the town's leading citizen. For grades 4-7. 1995.

The Library Card RC 45177
by Jerry Spinelli
read by Maxine Wasserman
1 cassette
In each of these four stories, a young person is led by the magic of a library card to the power of books. Reading changes the lives of a street vandal, a TV addict, a homeless boy, and a transplanted city girl. For grades 5-8. 1997.

An Angel for May RC 45178
by Melvin Burgess
read by Peg Gilleland
1 cassette
Through time travel Tam learns compassion. After he throws a rock in anger at Rosey the bag lady and Winnie her dog, they take him through a wall back to a farm during World War II. There Tam meets May riding a pig, and Tam and May become friends. Eventually Tam understands the connection between Rosey and May and how it feels to be an outsider. For grades 5-8. 1992.

Ice RC 45251
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
Although Chrissa has stopped speaking to her mother, she is stunned that her mother retaliates by sending her away, even if it is to her paternal grandmother's house. Leaving New York City for rural upstate New York is a big change. During the year with her grandmother, Chrissa also changes, as she faces challenges on her own. For grades 6-9. 1995.

The Window RC 45455
by Jeanette Ingold
read by Susan McInerney
1 cassette
Fifteen-year-old Mandy is blinded in a

car accident that took the life of her mother. Sent to live with unknown great-uncles and -aunts, Mandy elects to attend the local high school. With the help of voices from the past, Mandy learns to understand and accept her new family. For grades 6-9. 1996.

Angel's Gate RC 45508
by Gary Crew
read by John Lescault
2 cassettes
As the artistic younger brother, Kimmy wants to measure up to the expectations of his high-spirited teenage sister, Julia. When a gold digger is murdered in the Australian hills, his two "wild" children hide. Kimmy defends the children in life-threatening circumstances, proving himself resourceful and brave. Australian National Children's Book Award. For grades 5-8. 1993.

Even More Short and Shivery: Thirty Spine-Tingling Tales RC 45766
retold by Robert D. San Souci
read by David Palmer
1 cassette
In this companion to *Short and Shivery: Thirty Chilling Tales (RC 30728)*, San Souci relates thirty more international tales of demons and ghosts. Perfect for storytellers and sleepovers. Includes source notes. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Joshua T. Bates in Trouble Again RC 45921
by Susan Shreve
read by Randy Wieck
1 cassette
After spending part of the school year back in third grade, Joshua is finally moving up to the fourth grade—thanks to his teacher, Mrs. Goodwin. But Joshua soon finds that being in fourth grade is not as wonderful as he expected. In fact, it is a nightmare—thanks to Tommy Wilhelm. Sequel to *Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge (RC 44210)*. For grades 3-6. 1997.

The House with a Clock in Its Walls RC 45943
by John Bellairs
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
A ten-year-old orphan, his warlock uncle Jonathan, and a neighboring witch search Jonathan's house to find a hidden clock that is programmed to end the world. Prequel to *The Figure in the Shadows (RC 45944)*. For grades 5-8. 1973.

The Figure in the Shadows RC 45944
by John Bellairs
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette (Reissue)
Lewis finds an old coin that he hopes will protect him against bullies. He decides to test the coin's magic powers, but he is not prepared for the astonishing and sinister events that follow. Sequel to *The House with a Clock in Its Walls (RC 45943)*. For grades 5-8. 1975.

The Letter, the Witch, and the Ring RC 45945
by John Bellairs
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette (Reissue)
Mrs. Zimmerman, the kindly neighborhood witch, invites Rose Rita on a trip to discover the meaning of a puzzling deathbed letter. The trip becomes a nightmare as the two are drawn into a dark world where not even Mrs. Zimmerman's powers of witchcraft can help them. Sequel to *The Figure in the Shadows (RC 45944)*. For grades 5-8. 1976.

The Ghost in the Mirror RC 45946
by John Bellairs and Brad Strickland
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
In this sequel to *The Letter, the Witch, and the Ring (RC 45945)*, Rose Rita Pottinger and Mrs. Zimmermann, the kindly neighborhood witch, are transported back to 1828. There they attempt to save the Weiss family from being destroyed by a wicked wizard. For grades 5-8. 1993.

The Wise Old Woman RC 45961
retold by Yoshiko Uchida
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
A cruel young Japanese lord insists that villagers over the age of seventy be taken to the mountains and left to die. One farmer hides his elderly mother in a cave, instead. When the lord must perform three impossible tasks to save himself and the village, the farmer's mother is the only one who can help him. For grades K-3. 1994.

***The Girl Who Dreamed Only Geese* and Other Tales of the Far North RC 45962**
by Howard Norman
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Ten stories from Inuit oral tradition include portrayals of tundra wildlife—puffins, a wolverine, a seagull, a narwhal, and geese. The Biblical Noah appears in "Noah Hunts a Woolly Mammoth." In the title piece, a young girl's ability to help maintain the village food supply by dreaming about geese is challenged by a shaman. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Beggar's Magic: A Chinese Tale RC 45967
retold by Margaret and Raymond Chang
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
A Chinese folktale concerning selfishness and sharing. When a beggar-priest comes to town, young Fu Nan and the rest of the villagers honor and respect him. One market day, the stingy Farmer Wu refuses to give the priest a pear, but his meanness bears a price. For grades K-3. 1997.

The Bell, the Book, and the Spellbinder RC 45976
by Brad Strickland
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
When thirteen-year-old Fergie finds a strange book in the library, it changes his life. The book grants the reader's wishes, but at a high price. Later, Johnny Dixon notices how withdrawn his friend Fergie is and realizes he must be under a supernatural spell. Johnny needs all of Professor Childermass's resources to rescue Fergie. For grades 5-8. 1997.

The Witches RC 46021
by Roald Dahl
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
1 cassette
A young boy lives with his grandmother, who warns him about witches disguised as ordinary women. Discovered at a witches' convention in a hotel, he is turned into a mouse. Then he finds that he likes being small and not having to go to school. His grandmother still loves him, even as a mouse, so together they plot the demise of the witches' coven. For grades 3-6. 1983.

Gideon's People RC 46034
by Carolyn Meyer
read by David Elias
1 cassette
Injured in a carriage accident in 1911 Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Orthodox Jew Isaac Litvak is left by his father to recover with a kindly Amish farm family. When the family's teenage son schemes to run away from his strict home before his baptism, Isaac helps persuade him to stay. For grades 6-9. 1996.

The Robber and Me RC 46035
by Josef Holub
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Boniface, an eleven-year-old orphan, arrives to live with his uncle in a German village in 1867. His new friend Christian is the son of a reputed robber. Hoping to help Christian's father clear his name, Boniface worries that he might anger his uncle into sending him to an orphanage. For grades 5-8. Batchelder Award 1997.

So Far from Home: The Diary of Mary Driscoll, an Irish Mill Girl RC 46046
by Barry Denenberg
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
In 1847 many people are starving in Ireland following the Great Famine. But Mary Driscoll is lucky because her Aunt Nora has sent her a ticket to America. In her diary, Mary describes her two-month journey and writes about what it is like to work in a cloth mill in Lowell, Massachusetts. An epilogue tells what happens to Mary and her friends. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Where You Belong RC 46061
by Mary Ann McGuigan
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
Bronx, New York, 1963. Thirteen-year-old Fiona runs away from her drunken father. Wandering the streets, she runs into Yolanda, an African American girl from her old school. Though considered an odd pair, they spend the day together. Fiona enjoys Yolanda's friends and family. She learns things about the civil rights movement that she applies in her own life. For grades 5-8. 1997.

The Amber Cat RC 46065
by Hilary McKay
read by Jack Fox
1 cassette
When Robin of *Dog Friday (RC 44057)* and his friend Dan are cooped up in Porridge Hall with the chicken pox, Robin's mother tells them a story. One summer when she was their age, she, the boy she later married, and his brother meet magical Harriet on the beach. For grades 4-7. 1995.

Run Away Home RC 46088
by Patricia C. McKissack
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
In 1888 captive Chief Geronimo and other Apaches are being transported through Alabama when young Sky escapes the train. Ill with swamp fever, he accepts the help of Sarah Crossman and her parents. He gets a chance to repay the favor when the Crossmans must fend off white supremacists. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Mystery of the Desert Giant RC 46090
by Franklin W. Dixon
read by David Palmer
1 cassette
Joe and Frank Hardy help their father in a missing-person investigation that leads to the discovery of a gang of counterfeiters. A Hardy Boys mystery for grades 4-7. 1961.

Cocoa Ice RC 46136
by Diana Appelbaum
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
In the 1870s, two young girls—one in Santo Domingo and one in Maine—both like chocolate ice. In Santo Domingo, farmers grow cocoa beans to make chocolate. In Maine, blocks of ice are cut from the frozen river and stored in ice houses. When summer arrives, the ice is shipped to Santo Domingo, where it is traded for cocoa, and both girls have their chocolate ice! For grades 2-4. 1997.

Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter RC 46137
by Diane Stanley
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Rumpelstiltskin's teenage daughter is a captive of the greedy king who wants her to spin straw into gold. She convinces the king that her grandfather grew gold and that the king's farmers can also. She outwits the king to everyone's benefit, including her own. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Slumber Party! RC 46138
by Judith Caseley
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Zoe's birthday is just seven weeks away, and she and Mama decide to have a slumber party. Zoe invites four friends, and they all accept. The night of the party they go to a pizzeria and then stop to buy nail polish on the way home. Everything is just fine until they get in their sleeping bags, and one of the girls starts reading very, very, very scary stories. For grades K-3. 1996.

Marven of the Great North Woods RC 46139
by Kathryn Lasky
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Marven's family sends him to a lumber camp for the winter to avoid the 1918 influenza epidemic in Duluth. The small ten-year-old Jewish boy is given office duties, which include waking up lumberjacks who oversleep. That is how his unlikely friendship with Jean Louis, the largest, strongest man in the camp, begins. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Tangerine RC 46159
by Edward Bloor
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
Paul Fisher's parents are avid fans of his older brother Erik's promising football career. In contrast, Paul wears extremely thick glasses because, according to Erik, Paul stared at an eclipse. When they move to Tangerine, Florida, Paul's new friendships help him uncover what he's really known all along about Erik. For grades 6-8. 1997.

Stay! Keeper's Story RC 46164
by Lois Lowry
read by Bob Askey
1 cassette
A puppy is one of four born outside a French restaurant. After his family disappears, the young dog experiences a variety of lifestyles—from companion to a homeless man to starring in commer-

cials—before he finds the perfect home with a girl and her mother, who name him Keeper. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Ella Enchanted RC 46186
by Gail Carson Levine
read by Margaret Strom
2 cassettes
Ella was cursed at birth by a fairy—who thought she was bestowing a gift—to always be obedient. After her mother dies, Ella is at the mercy of two bossy girls and their mother. The enchantment even puts her love for Prince Charmont at risk, and Ella is determined to get rid of it. For grades 3-6. 1997.

The Year My Parents Ruined My Life RC 46194
by Martha Freeman
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old Kate Sommer's life seems ruined when her dad is transferred from southern California to Pennsylvania. Kate is president of the sixth grade, has a cute boyfriend, and goes to the beach daily. How can she survive in the frozen tundra with no friends? For grades 5-8. 1997.

The True Colors of Caitlynne Jackson RC 46198
by Carol Lynch Williams
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Twelve-year-old Caitlynne and her eleven-year-old sister, Cara, have always stuck together. When their volatile mother abandons them for the summer, they manage to cope until Cara almost drowns. Realizing that they need adult help, the two girls bicycle to their Granny's house, unsure of their welcome. For grades 5-8. 1997.

The Boy of My Dreams RC 46202
by Dyan Sheldon
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
Sixteen-year-old Michelle "Mike" Brindisi and her best friend, Hope, are determined to find their own true loves. When Mike finally meets a college boy, she drops her old friends and changes her image. She becomes so obsessed with Bill, she doesn't notice that her pet is ailing or that other people are also falling in love. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Someone to Love RC 46211
by Francess Lantz
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
Fifteen-year-old Sara believes her parents have given up on her; isn't that why they have decided to adopt a new baby? As Sara becomes a vegetarian and an advocate for politically correct causes, she befriends the baby's soon-to-be birth mother, Iris. Sara almost envies Iris's free-spirited lifestyle, until a crisis prompts the two teenagers to run away together. Some strong language. For grades 6-9. 1997.

***Señor Cat's Romance* and Other Favorite Stories from Latin America RC 46215**
retold by Lucia M. Gonzalez
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Señor Sir Cat is so thrilled to be marrying that he sings his love to the stars above—and falls off the roof. Five other Latin American folktales complete the collection. For grades K-3. 1997.

Nothing Ever Happens on Ninetieth Street RC 46217
by Roni Schotter
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Eva is sitting on the stoop waiting for something to happen, so she will have something to write about. But nothing ever happens on Ninetieth Street! Then one person suggests that she choose a topic she knows well, another urges Eva to use her imagination, and a third recommends asking "what if?" Before long something really does happen on Ninetieth Street. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Jack's New Power: Stories from a Caribbean Year RC 46232
by Jack Gantos
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Jack's father, optimistic about job opportunities, moves the family to Barbados. Though the family is happy to live on the island, Jack's father is both a hero who saves a drowning couple and a tormentor who keeps his household in turmoil. Jack discovers that writing in his diary is important to him. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Ghost Canoe RC 46239
by Will Hobbs
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
1874, Tatoosh Island, Washington. Fourteen-year-old Nathan MacAllister helps his father tend a lighthouse on Cape Flattery. During the day he fishes in the Pacific with a Makah Native American neighbor. Then a ship breaks up on the rocks, and the captain turns up dead. When suspicious activities occur along the shore, Nathan decides to investigate. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Werewolf Skin: Goosebumps RC 46354
by R.L. Stine
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Alex Hunter comes to Wolf Creek to spend several weeks with his aunt and uncle while his parents travel. He brings along his own camera and hopes to get lessons from his relatives, who are professional photographers. Alex gets two warnings when he arrives—stay out of the woods and away from the neighbors. For grades 4-7. 1997.

You Can Call Me Worm RC 46392
by Dan Haas
read by Christopher Walker
1 cassette
Eleven-year-old Will ("Worm") and his older brother, Todd, are living in another town when they learn that their father is sitting on the roof of his house—and that he has been there for two days. The boys hike miles through the woods and risk danger to reach him. Worm arrives first and is shocked by what he sees. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Whuppity Stoorie: A Scottish Folktale RC 46420
by Carolyn White
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Kate of Kittlerumpit lives with her mother and their beloved pig, Grumphie. When Grumphie takes ill, a mysterious woman offers to cure him but then demands she be given Kate in exchange for the favor. For grades K-3. 1997.

Baba Yaga and the Wise Doll: A Traditional Russian Folktale RC 46422
retold by Hiawyn Oram
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A traditional tale of three sisters—Too Nice Child, Horrid Child, and Very Horrid Child. Horrid and Very Horrid send Too Nice to visit witch Baba Yaga with instructions to bring back one of the witch's fancy toads. With her doll to guide her, Too Nice outwits both the witch and her evil sisters. For grades K-3. 1997.

Big Red Truck RC 46424
by Stephen Schlossberg
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
It is Saturday morning, and Ray's parents have lots of chores to do. Mama is working in the garden, and Papa is in the garage. Ray has chores to do also, but instead he plans to see the wide-open country in his trike-turned-big-red-truck. Yet on his way through hills and valleys and small towns, Ray seems to find reasons to do some of his chores. For grades K-3. 1994.

This for That: A Tonga Tale RC 46425
retold by Verna Aardema
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
A sly rabbit tricks animals and people into giving her things she doesn't deserve. For preschool-grade 2. 1997.

The Paper Dragon RC 46435
by Marguerite W. Davol
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
A humble artist, Mi Fei, confronts a ferocious dragon to save his fellow villagers. When Mi Fei successfully completes the three tasks set by the dragon, the danger to the countryside disappears in an unusual way. For grades K-3. 1997.

Treasures in the Dust RC 46446
by Tracey Porter
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Best friends Annie and Violet live on adjacent farms in Oklahoma during the Great Depression. Each describes her family's hardships during the dust storms that sweep the area. Then Violet writes letters to Annie when she leaves with her parents, who hope to find work in California in order to keep up payments on their land. For grades 3-6. 1997.

The Doll in the Garden: A Ghost Story RC 46457
by Mary Downing Hahn
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Ten-year-old Ashley Cummings and her mother move into an apartment on the top floor of an old house. At eighty-eight, its owner, Miss Cooper, has become a grumpy old woman. She doesn't like cats and even though most of her lawn is very neat, there is a patch at the back that is overgrown with weeds. It isn't long before Ashley discovers why. For grades 4-7. 1989.

Hostage RC 46466
by Edward Myers
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Alyssa and Rob are in a group of teenage hikers in Utah's Dinosaur National Monument park. While helping a motorist get his vehicle out of the sand, Alyssa realizes that he has stolen a valuable dinosaur egg. She and Rob steal it back but are later caught by the thief

and forced to march across the desert. It takes all their physical and mental skills to survive. For grades 5-8. 1996.

The Five Sisters RC 46473
by Margaret Mahy
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
On a warm summer day, Sally's grandmother draws a paper doll and cuts out a string of five dolls holding hands. Before Sally can draw in the other four dolls, they are blown away and begin their own adventures. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Fourth Grade Rats RC 46601
by Jerry Spinelli
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
In the fourth grade Suds Morton is supposed to leave his angelic past behind and become a rat—the next step up to being a man. But he still likes peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and his old lunch box with the elephants, and he could never say "no" to his mother. His friend Joey tries to teach him the ropes, but the results are disastrous. For grades 3-6. 1991.

The Bookstore Mouse RC 46638
by Peggy Christian
read by John Horton
1 cassette
Cervantes is the mouse who lives behind a wall of reference books in an antiquarian bookstore. His problem is Milo, the cat, who is waiting to catch him. But Cervantes knows how to read and Milo does not, giving Cervantes an unexpected advantage. For grades 3-6. 1995.

The Arrow over the Door RC 46648
by Joseph Bruchac
read by Christopher Hurt
1 cassette
A war party of Abenaki Indians and a peaceful Quaker meeting encounter one another during the Revolutionary War. Samuel Russell, a young Quaker, and Stands Straight, an Indian youth, describe the incident from their different points of view. The story is based on the historical "Easton Meeting" of 1777. For grades 4-7. 1998.

The Treasure of Bessledorf Hill RC 46716
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
When a resident of the Bessledorf Hotel in Middleburg, Indiana, reports seeing a pale yellow light bobbing around on the hill, hotel manager Magruder has his family investigate. On his son Bernie's watch, the boy and his friends track the light and soon find deep holes throughout the area. Perhaps the legend of buried treasures is true. For grades 4-7. 1997.

High Wizardry RC 46717
by Diane Duane
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes
When Nita's ten-year-old sister, Dairine, reads the wizard's oath, she wants to have an adventure and become a wizard too. Kit—another kid wizard—considers Dairine a brilliant brat, but Kit and Nita go to Dairine's aid when she has problems during her wizardry ordeal. Sequel to *Deep Wizardry (RC 24679)*. For grades 5-8. 1997.

Disappearing Acts: A Herculeah Jones Mystery RC 46723
by Betsy Byars
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
1 cassette
During his comedy class, amateur detective Herculeah Jones's friend Meat finds a body in the restroom but then it vanishes. While Meat tries to solve the mystery, Herculeah discovers some startling photos from Meat's past and must decide if she should show him. For grades 5-8. 1998.

Chasing Redbird RC 46731
by Sharon Creech
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Thirteen-year-old Zinny has always preferred Aunt Jessie and Uncle Nate's house next door because it is so quiet. Her house is a zoo of noises—the stereo blasting, the computer bleeping, and the phone clanging. Shortly after Aunt Jessie dies, Zinny discovers a trail that begins on their Kentucky farm. As she uncovers the old trail, Zinny learns a lot about herself and her family. For grades 4-7. 1997.

I Am Mordred: A Tale from Camelot RC 46756
by Nancy Springer
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Mordred's carefree innocence ends when he is but a little boy, and Nyneve, the sorceress, acquaints him with Morgause, his birth mother. Once his identity is established, Mordred has two fervent desires: to be recognized officially by King Arthur as his son and to thwart Merlin's prophecy that he, Mordred, will kill this same father. For grades 6-9. 1998.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

La Dalia Azul RC 43984
por Raymond Chandler
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
Johnny Carpenter es un héroe de guerra que vuelve a casa con dos camaradas suyos. Se entera que su esposa ha sido infiel y que está mezclada con la gente baja del Cabaret Dalia Azul. Más tarde se descubre el cuerpo de ella, brutalmente asesinada, y la policía sospecha a Johnny. Un guión de cine con revisiones. Incluye una nota biográfica sobre el autor y sus experiencias adaptando el guión para el cine. (This movie screenplay depicts war hero Johnny Carpenter, who returns with two of his buddies from the South Pacific only to find his wife has been unfaithful and involved with the lowlifes of the Blue Dahlia nightclub. When she turns up murdered, Johnny is the prime suspect. Includes a biographical sketch on the author and his experiences in writing the screenplay.)1987.

La Luna No Era de Queso: Memorias de Infancia RC 43985
por Jose Luis Gonzalez
leído por Juan Ramirez
3 cassettes
A través de las memorias de su juventud, un autor e intelectual puertorriqueño pinta un cuadro histórico, político y social de Puerto Rico durante la década de los 1930. Gonzáles describe su familia y los eventos formativos de su vida, incluyendo la profunda influencia que tiene de otros autores del Caribe come Juan Bosch. (The Puerto Rican author and intellectual paints a historical, social, and political picture of his homeland in the 1930s. He describes his family and the formative experiences of his life, including the profound influences he felt from other Caribbean authors and intellectuals such as Juan Bosch.)1988.

Contra el Viento RC 43986
por Juan Suarez
leído por Juan Ramirez
4 cassettes
El autor presenta la historia de su vida como un hombre cualquiera, de origen humilde, quién por amor a Dios, patria y familia superó una vida dura y privada. La autobiografía de Suárez toma lugar en su Cuba natal, una tierra que ama profundamente pero que se ve desgastado por el régimen de Castro. Cuenta cómo el amor que tiene a la esposa y la familia le conduce al éxito y a la felicidad. (The author tells of his life as an ordinary man of humble origins who, through his love of God, country, and family, overcame hardship and adversity. He portrays his beloved native Cuba as a land he saw corrupted by the Castro regime. He also describes how his family sustained him in his search for success and happiness.)1991.

La Travesía Secreta RC 43988
por Carlos Victoria
leído por Juan Ramirez
4 cassettes
Marcos Manuel Velazco pasa su juventud en Cuba durante la década de los 1960. Como un adolescente típicamente rebelde e inquieto, se mezcla con una compañía de actores, empezando una odisea personal que le lleva a buscar la verdad sobre su generación, sobre su país y sobre sí mismo. Contiene lenguaje injurioso y descripciones de índole sexual. (A coming-of-age story by the Cuban author depicts young Marcos Manuel Velazco in 1960s Cuba. As a typically rebellious and restless adolescent, he becomes involved with a group of actors and begins a soul-searching odyssey to discover the truth about his generation, his country, and himself. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.) 1994.

Falsas Crónicas del Sur RC 43989
por Ana Lydia Vega
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
La autora puertorriqueña presenta ocho cuentos adaptados de las leyendas y tradiciones orales del sur de Puerto Rico, incluyendo los districtos de Arroyo, Guayama, Maunabo, Patillas y Ponce. El primer cuento, "El Baúl de Miss Florence," se trata de "La Enriqueta," una suntuosa mansión señorial del siglo diecinueve y del misterioso destino de sus propietarios. (Puerto Rican author presents eight stories suggested by the legends and oral traditions of southern Puerto Rico, including the districts of Arroyo, Guayama,

Maunabo, Patillas, and Ponce. The first story, "El Baul de Miss Florence," deals with a sumptuous nineteenth-century estate, known as La Enriqueta, and the mysterious fate of its owners.) 1991.

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Alaska	Anchorage		(907) 269-6575
Arizona	Phoenix	800-255-5578	(602) 255-5578
Arkansas	Little Rock		(501) 682-1155
California	Los Angeles	800-808-2555	(323) 660-3880
	Sacramento	800-952-5666	(916) 654-0640
Colorado	Denver	800-685-2136	(303) 727-9277
Connecticut	Rocky Hill	800-842-4516	(860) 566-2151
Delaware	Dover	800-282-8676	(302) 739-4748
District of Columbia	Washington		(202) 727-2142
Florida	Daytona Beach	800-226-6075	(904) 239-6000
Georgia	Atlanta	800-248-6701	(404) 756-4619
Hawaii	Honolulu	800-559-4096	(808) 733-8444
Guam	Agana		(671) 475-4753
Idaho	Boise	800-233-4931	(208) 334-2117
Illinois	Chicago	800-331-2351	(312) 746-9210
Indiana	Indianapolis	800-622-4970	(317) 232-3684
Iowa	Des Moines	800-362-2587	(515) 281-1333
Kansas	Emporia	800-362-0699	(316) 343-7124
Kentucky	Frankfort	800-372-2968	(502) 564-8300
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	800-543-4702	(225) 342-4944
Maine	Augusta	800-452-8793	(207) 287-5650
Maryland	Baltimore	800-964-9209	(410) 230-2424
Massachusetts	Watertown	800-852-3133	(617) 972-7240
Michigan	Lansing	800-992-9012	(517) 373-5614
	Wayne	888-968-2737	(734) 727-7330
Minnesota	Faribault	800-722-0550	(507) 332-3279
Mississippi	Jackson	800-446-0892	(601) 713-3409
Missouri	Jefferson City	800-392-2614	(573) 751-8720
Montana	Helena	800-332-3400	(406) 444-2064
Nebraska	Lincoln	800-742-7691	(402) 471-4038
Nevada	Carson City	800-922-9334	(702) 687-5154

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New Hampshire	Concord	800-491-4200	(603) 271-3429
New Jersey	Trenton	800-792-8322	(609) 530-4000
New Mexico	Santa Fe	800-456-5515	(505) 476-9770
New York	Albany	800-342-3688	(518) 474-5935
	New York City		(212) 206-5400
North Carolina	Raleigh	800-662-7726	(919) 733-4376
North Dakota	Bismarck	800-843-9948	(701) 328-1477
Ohio	Cincinnati	800-582-0335	(513) 369-6999
	Cleveland	800-362-1262	(216) 623-2911
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	800-523-0288	(405) 521-3514
Oregon	Salem	800-452-0292	(503) 378-3849
	Portland		(503) 224-0610
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	800-222-1754	(215) 683-3213
	Pittsburgh	800-242-0586	(412) 687-2440
Puerto Rico	San Juan	800-981-8008	(787) 723-2519
Rhode Island	Providence	800-734-5141	(401) 222-5800
South Carolina	Columbia	800-922-7818	(803) 898-5900
South Dakota	Pierre	800-423-6665	(605) 773-3131
Tennessee	Nashville	800-342-3308	(615) 741-3915
Texas	Austin	800-252-9605	(512) 463-5458
Utah	Salt Lake City	800-662-5540	(801) 715-6789
Vermont	Berlin	800-479-1711	(802) 828-3273
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Virginia	Richmond	800-552-7015	(804) 371-3661
Washington	Seattle	800-542-0866	(206) 615-0400
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In Brief

NLS Continues Magazine Program Changes

Beginning in January 2000, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) will offer readers ten more magazines on cassette instead of flexible disc.

These magazines continue a transition to cassette format for all audio magazines. NLS plans to complete the transition in 2001, when all NLS recorded magazines will be available on cassette. This improvement to the magazine program is based on the recommendation of an advisory committee composed of program users and librarians.

Current subscribers will automatically receive the magazines in the new format. To start a new subscription to these or any magazines in the program, contact your cooperating library.

The ten magazines making the transition in January are listed below.

- The Atlantic Monthly (monthly)
- Discover (monthly)
- Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine (11 issues)
- Health and Nutrition Newsletters (monthly)
- Magazine of the Month (monthly)
- New Choices: Living Even Better after Fifty (10 issues)
- Outdoor Life (monthly)
- QST (monthly)
- Sports Illustrated (weekly)
- True West (monthly)

Newsstand

The following announcements may be of interest to readers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reserves the right to publish announcements selectively, as space permits. Items mentioned, however, are not part of the NLS program, and their listing does not imply endorsement.

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Books for Adults

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Note: For the information of the reader, a notice may appear immediately following the book description to indicate occurrences of strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, or violence. The word "some" before any of these terms indicates an occasional or infrequent occurrence, as in "some strong language."

Cassettes Nonfiction

The Mammoth Book of Fairy Tales RC 43791
edited by Mike Ashley
read by Madelyn Buzzard
4 cassettes
Anthology of fifty-six tales. Includes both classic fairy tales and modern fantasies arranged alphabetically by title. Old favorites like "Beauty and the Beast," "Jack and the Beanstalk," and "Sleeping Beauty" appear with newer stories by Joan Aiken, Robin McKinley, and Jane Yolen. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

Our Fascinating Earth RC 44786
by Philip and Nancy R. Seff
read by Marilyn Gleason
3 cassettes
A collection of almost 180 articles presenting unusual scientific facts and information on natural wonders. Each of the nine chapters covers a variety of topics such as wolves, scorpions, the Kohinoor diamond, the pyramids, dinosaurs, rivers, carnivorous plants, hurricanes, even garlic. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1996.

Spirits of the Passage: The Transatlantic Slave Trade in the Seventeenth Century RC 44993
by Madeleine Burnside
read by Chuck Young
2 cassettes
The author uses the recovery of the earliest known slave ship, the *Henrietta Marie*—found off the Florida coast in 1972—to examine the largest forced migration in human history. Burnside recreates the slave ship's transatlantic journeys of the late 1690s and details the infamous and harrowing Middle Passage. Introduction by Cornel West. 1997.

The Attentive Heart: Conversations with Trees RC 45047
by Stephanie Kaza
read by Kimberly Schraf
2 cassettes
Applying Zen Buddhist concepts of human interaction with trees, Kaza works through a progression of experiences: sensual, historical, anthropomorphic, and religious. Amid contemplative narrative, Kaza offers rhapsodic appreciation of trees as an environmental force. 1993.

Making Faces RC 45297
by Kevyn Aucoin
read by Jim Zeiger
1 cassette
Makeup artist Aucoin describes his techniques for applying cosmetics to create a variety of looks, ranging from minimalist to "bombshell." Bestseller 1997.

Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World RC 45502
by Mark Kurlansky
read by Miriam Wagner
2 cassettes
A history of "a 1,000-year fishing spree" that left the Atlantic codfish on the brink of extinction. Traces the development of the industry and its impact on civilization, including the Viking voyages to the New World, international conflicts over fishing grounds, the rise of the Atlantic slave trade, and the decline of the British Empire. 1997.

The Chieftains: The Authorized Biography RC 45505
by John Glatt
read by Terry Donnelly
3 cassettes
A portrait of the popular musical group known for reinventing traditional Irish music. Traces the band's evolution from obscure beginnings in the 1960s to become the internationally acclaimed, Grammy-winning performers of the 1990s. Strong language. 1997.

Reflected Glory: The Life of Pamela Churchill Harriman RC 45688
by Sally Bedell Smith
read by Jill Ferris
6 cassettes
Portrait of a woman the author describes as a twentieth-century courtesan who, through the shrewd use of wealth and position, lived in the brilliance of world luminaries in politics, media, business, and theater. Chronicles Harriman's privileged youth, her marriages to three powerful figures, and her own political ascent to the post of ambassador to France. 1996.

Philip of Spain RC 45786
by Henry Kamen
read by Peter Gil
4 cassettes
A portrait of the controversial monarch who ruled the Spanish empire through most of the sixteenth century. Traces his solitary childhood, his early years as a Renaissance prince, and his troubled reign as king during the inquisition and the colonization of the New World. 1997.

Europe: A History RC 45817
by Norman Davies
read by Robert Blumenfeld
13 cassettes in 3 containers
A sweeping chrinicle of European history from prehistoric tines to the mid-1990s. Maps out a "basic grid of time and space" as a framework for discussing major figures, events, socioeconomic trends, and cultural movements. Features brief capsule summaries of specific changes that exemplify broader historical currents. 1996.

Like Color to the Blind RC 45872
by Donna Williams
read by Patricia Kilgarriff
2 cassettes
This sequel to *Somebody Somewhere (RC 38137)* continues the life story of an autistic woman as she becomes involved with and marries a man who is similarly challenged. She recounts their struggles to overcome their own emotional barriers, to strengthen their mu-

tual affection, and to establish a life together. Strong language. 1996.

Chancellorsville RC 45938
by Stephen W. Sears
read by Lou Harpenau
5 cassettes
Describes the Confederate victory at Chancellorsville, Virginia, in 1863. It was during this campaign that Stonewall Jackson was accidentally shot by his own troops while riding night inspection. Robert E. Lee later pressed northward toward Pennsylvania after this hollow victory where over 30,000 men were killed, wounded, or missing. Years later Stephen Crane immortalized the battle in the *Red Badge of Courage (RC 22405)*. 1996.

From the Field: A Collection of Writings from *National Geographic* RC 45973
edited by Charles McCarry
read by Bill Wallace
4 cassettes
Seventy-five articles selected from the popular magazine's 109-year existence. Although heavily illustrated, the periodical contains scholarly articles about the planet and its people. Contributors include Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Lindberg, Maya Angelou, Tad Szulc, and Shelby Foote. 1997.

The Great American Broadcast: A Celebration of Radio's Golden Age RC 46002
by Leonard Maltin
read by Ray Hagen
3 cassettes
An account of radio's early years from 1920 to the 1950s. Draws upon interviews with radio show writers, directors, actors, and announcers to present an "anecdotal history" of the dominant form of home entertainment during that era. 1997.

The Dance of the Dissident Daughter: A Woman's Journey from Christian Tradition to the Sacred Feminine RC 46005
by Sue Monk Kidd
read by Susan McInerney
2 cassettes
The author writes of her conversion from a Southern Baptist with a patriarchal view of the world to a femininist who glories in the spiritual consciousness of womanhood. Kidd includes research from the Bible, fairy tales, myths, and feminist religious leaders to illustrate her beliefs. 1996.

The American Encounter: The United States and the Making of the Modern World; Essays from Seventy-five Years of *Foreign Affairs* RC 46053
edited by James F. Hoge and Fareed Zakaria
read by Mary Kane
6 cassettes
A collection of articles from the journal *Foreign Affairs* that reflect the United States through the twentieth century. Selections present chronological overviews of distinct eras—including the two world wars, the Vietnam war, and the collapse of Communism—with intellectual analyses. 1997.

Ulysses S. Grant: Soldier and President RC 46098
by Geoffrey Perret
read by Butch Hoover
4 cassettes
A portrait of the enigmatic military commander whose Civil War strategy of attrition portended "the future of the United States Army." Traces his frontier youth, his West Point years, his

heroism in the Mexican War, his bold leadership of Union forces under President Lincoln, and his service as president. 1997.

The Best American Essays 1997 RC 46100
edited by Ian Frazier
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
Twenty-four essays from a wide range of publications. Many of the essays center around the theme of family and relationships with parents. Includes Gay Talese's journey with Muhammad Ali to Cuba, Cynthia Ozick's remembrances of her family's drugstore in the Bronx, and Lukie Chapman Reilly's fear of her alcoholic father. Some strong language and some violence. 1997.

Good Natured: The Origins of Right and Wrong in Humans and Other Animals RC 46103
by Frans de Waal
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
Explores the biological basis of morality in primates and other animals. Draws upon observations of animal behavior and social dynamics that suggest tendencies toward altruism, sympathy, guilt, and cooperation. Argues that evolution favors ethical behavior. 1996.

Race and Human Evolution RC 46106
by Milford Wolpoff and Rachel Caspari
read by Roy Avers
4 cassettes
Two paleoanthropologists explore opposing theories of human evolution, the origins of modern physical characteristics, and the roots of racial variation. They compare the "Eve theory" of recent human origin with a multiregional model that posits a more gradual, diverse process of development. 1997.

Egypt, Greece, and Rome: Civilizations of the Ancient Mediterranean RC 46107
by Charles Freeman
read by Lou Harpenau
6 cassettes
An introduction to three major societies that sprung up on the coast of the Mediterranean. In addition to the classical histories, traces early Egyptian civilization from 3200 B.C. through the fall of the Roman Empire in A.D. 600. Depicts the ancient cultures in terms of their art, philosophies, religions, politics, and architectures. Portrays major historical figures. 1996.

Resources for People with Disabilities and Chronic Conditions RC 46110
by Resources for Rehabilitation
read by Jill Fox
3 cassettes
Designed to help individuals with disabilities and members of their families. Includes a list of national organizations that promote independence, summarizes relevant laws, and describes available services and products. Covers vision, speech, and hearing loss; diabetes; spinal cord injury; lower back pain; and epilepsy. 1996.

Roads to Santiago RC 46206
by Cees Nooteboom
read by Lewis Grenville
3 cassettes
The Dutch author describes his journey through Spain on a leisurely, circuitous route from Barcelona to Santiago. As Nooteboom travels, he comments on the landscape, the history of the area, its art and architecture, literary associations, and local cuisine. 1992.

How the Mind Works RC 46231
by Steven Pinker
read by Kerry Cundiff
6 cassettes
Explores the mind and its cognitive processes in the context of evolutionary theory. By "reverse engineering" modern brain functions—including instincts, reason, memory, and emotions—the author discerns an adaptive model of the mind as having evolved over time to survive and reproduce. 1997.

Passage to Union: How the Railroads Transformed American Life, 1829–1929 RC 46235
by Sarah H. Gordon
read by Bruce Huntey
3 cassettes
Traces, from the nineteenth century, the growth of railroads and their impact on America's evolving economy, society, and law. Describes how the railroads helped unify a fragmented nation, settle the West, advance trade, and centralize wealth. Laments that the network promoted cities at the expense of small towns. 1997.

Trouble-Free Travel: And What to Do When Things Go Wrong RC 46237
by Stephen D. Colwell and
Ann R. Shulman
read by Patricia McDermott
3 cassettes
A guide for helping travelers understand and assert their legal rights while on a trip. Covers travel by air, sea, and auto; travel agents and tours; foreign travel; insurance; and more. Offers advice on resolving disputes that arise in planning and taking a trip. 1996.

Visions: How Science Will Revolutionize the Twenty-First Century RC 46238
by Michio Kaku
read by John Richardson
4 cassettes
Predicts that a convergence of quantum physics, computer science, and biotechnology will revolutionize civilization in the twenty-first century. Avers that humans will shift from being "passive observers" to "active choreographers of Nature" in the process. 1997.

Illusions of Opportunity: The American Dream in Question RC 46241
by John E. Schwarz
read by John Richardson
2 cassettes
Decries the shortage of "good jobs" that can support an adequate quality of life for American workers and their families. Argues that all workers deserve to earn a decent living in a booming economy. Advocates government policies for promoting economic opportunity. 1997.

The Good Death: The New American Search to Reshape the End of Life RC 46245
by Marilyn Webb
read by Mitzi Friedlander
4 cassettes
Examines the modern death experience and the ethical, legal, and medical issues surrounding the end of life. Inquires into the process of dying through interviews with doctors, hospice workers, and terminal patients. Describes the nature of a "least-worst death." 1997.

The Chunnel: The Amazing Story of the Undersea Crossing of the English Channel RC 46246
by Drew Fetherston
read by Butch Hoover
3 cassettes
Describes the planning and construction of the railway tunnel, the Chunnel, completed in 1993. Contrasts the approaches of British and French workers; assesses the financial, political, and technical resources required for this engineering feat; and concludes with the first Chunnel accident, in December 1996. 1997.

Virgil Thomson: Composer on the Aisle RC 46247
by Anthony Tommasini
read by James DeLotel
5 cassettes
Biography of the composer and longtime music critic of the *New York Herald Tribune* who received a Pulitzer Prize for music. Discusses Thomson's discreet homosexuality during a time when such a revelation could cost one a career. 1997.

Before the Wedding: Look before You Leap RC 46252
by Michael E. Cavanagh
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
A guide for couples contemplating marriage. Emphasizes the importance of understanding the relationship, both partners' motives and goals, and the demands their proposed union will place on them. Discusses communication, sexuality, and the role of in-laws and friends, citing real-life situations as examples. 1994.

Honey, Mud, Maggots, and Other Medical Marvels: The Science behind Folk Remedies and Old Wives' Tales RC 46254
by Robert and Michèle Root-Bernstein
read by Kerry Cundiff
2 cassettes
An anecdotal examination of historical medicinal remedies from many countries that are still relevant to modern medical practice. The authors present cases to show that modern medicine validates the efficacy of honey on lesions, bloodletting, bathing in mineral springs, and many other folk remedies. 1997.

Great Careers for People Interested in Communications Technology RC 46256
by Julie Czerneda and Victoria Vincent
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Discusses careers available in the field of communication including mapmaker, Internet marketer, systems analyst, microwave dish installer, and teacher. Describes typical workdays, duties involved, getting started in the field, and writing a resumé. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Great Careers for People Fascinated by Government and the Law RC 46257
by Anne Marie Males
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Discusses careers available in government and law, including police officer, law librarian, forensic technician, and foreign service officer. Describes day-to-day activities, training needed, and related fields. Includes sample application letters and interview tips. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

People of the First Crusade RC 46260
by Michael Foss
read by Bruce Huntey
2 cassettes
An account of the First Crusade, or "holy war," which was inspired by Pope Urban II in 1095 to wrest control of Jerusalem from the Muslims. Traces the origins of the Crusade, the progress of the expedition, and its outcome. Depicts the violence and brutality of the campaign. Violence. 1997.

"G" Is for Grafton: The World of Kinsey Millhone RC 46261
by Natalie Hevener Kaufman and Carol McGinnis Kay
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
Two professors present a "biography" of Kinsey Millhone, the fictional private detective of Sue Grafton's popular alphabetical mystery series. Millhone was first introduced in *A Is for Alibi (RC 35069)*. The authors compiled this work using the collection and Grafton's working journals. Some strong language and some violence. 1997.

History on Trial: Culture Wars and the Teaching of the Past RC 46262
by Gary B. Nash and others
read by Lou Harpenau
3 cassettes
An overview of the National History Standards of 1994, which resulted from a federally sponsored effort to improve history teaching in American schools. Examines disagreements over method and purpose; advocates multiculturalism and empathy in interpreting the past. 1997.

A Chosen Few: The Resurrection of European Jewry RC 46276
by Mark Kurlansky
read by Ken Kliban
3 cassettes
A survey of European Jewry in the 1990s. Recounts interviews with Holocaust survivors and their children about how they recovered from World War II and why they are living in Europe with its history of anti-Semitism. Depicts a number of thriving Jewish communities in various cities of Europe. 1995.

City of Stone: The Hidden History of Jerusalem RC 46292
by Meron Benvenisti
read by Ralph Lowenstein
2 cassettes
Examines the history of Jerusalem, emphasizing the twentieth century. Asserts that the city is more than just a physical location; it has an emotional and symbolic importance within Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Assesses the interaction of religion and politics in the city's past and present but finds no facile solution to the problems of the future. 1996.

Glenn Gould: The Ecstasy and Tragedy of Genius RC 46295
by Peter Ostwald
read by Gordon Gould
3 cassettes
This psychobiography examines the public and private aspects of Glenn Gould, the reclusive Canadian pianist who died in 1982. The author, both a psychiatrist and a violinist, was Gould's friend and uniquely positioned to provide professional and personal insights into Gould's performances and his psyche. 1997.

Black Intellectuals: Race and Responsibility in American Life RC 46303
by William M. Banks
read by Ralph Lowenstein
3 cassettes
The author traces black intellectuals in America since colonial times. Discusses their need to balance personal pursuits and goals with the public demand for mentors and role models. Includes more than one hundred brief biographical sketches. 1996.

Jane Austen: A Life RC 46312
by Claire Tomalin
read by Barbara Caruso
3 cassettes
Explores the life and times of the author Jane Austen and her close clan in Georgian England. Lacking in money and land, the Austens lived on the edge of upper middle class society as portrayed in Austen's fiction. Tomalin uses family papers and local archives to support this depiction. 1997.

The Gifts of the Jews: How a Tribe of Desert Nomads Changed the Way Everyone Thinks and Feels; the Hinges of History, Volume 2 RC 46335
by Thomas Cahill
read by Ken Kliban
2 cassettes
Cahill continues his study of civilizations, begun in *How the Irish Saved Civilization (RC 41657)*, with an extended look at the Torah. He shows how events therein, especially the Jews' belief in one God and their ability to look at reality in a whole new way, influenced civilization. Bestseller 1998.

Still Me RC 46341
by Christopher Reeve
read by Ray Hagen
2 cassettes
Best known for his role as Superman, actor Reeve discusses his life and career before and after the 1995 horseback riding accident that left him paralyzed. Reeve has faith that his injured spinal cord can eventually be repaired and is active in raising funds for research. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Fields of Praise: New and Selected Poems RC 46362
by Marilyn Nelson
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
Poems by an African American writer exploring motherhood, religion, and racism. The collection is divided into four parts: "Mama and Daddy," "Homeplace," "Hermitage," and "Still Faith." Also includes the author's notes about her work. National Book Award finalist. 1997.

Fifty Years of Europe: An Album RC 46364
by Jan Morris
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Morris recalls how she first saw Europe in 1946 after World War II and reflects on the changes of the past fifty years. Her fond reminiscences include historical details and comments about European culture. She approves of the trend toward economic unity but favors preserving the regional ethnic diversity that makes travel on the continent interesting. 1997.

Marshall McLuhan: Escape into Understanding RC 46378
by W. Terrence Gordon
read by Robert Sams
4 cassettes
A portrait of the controversial media philosopher who originated the dictum, "the medium is the message." Explores McLuhan's ideas and their implications in the electronic age. Traces his childhood, his conversion to Catholicism, and his academic career. 1997.

The Last Apocalypse: Europe at the Year 1000 A.D. RC 46386
by James Reston
read by Gary Telles
3 cassettes
A saga of Europe between A.D. 950 and A.D. 1010, when the continent was besieged by the Vikings from the north, the Moors from the south, and the Hungarian Magyars from the east. Depicts the brutal conflicts, the sociopolitical transformations, and the spread of Christianity over much of the pagan world. Violence. 1998.

Summer and Smoke RC 46399
by Tennessee Williams
read by Annie Wauters
1 cassette
A play by the twentieth-century American dramatist, telling of the unfulfilled love of a puritanical southern woman who is a minister's daughter. 1948.

Collected Early Poems: 1950–1970 RC 46404
by Adrienne Rich
read by Laura Giannarelli
2 cassettes
Rich's first six books of poetry, along with additional entries from this time frame, are presented in chronological order. These writings from her youth offer fresh and direct perceptions of new experiences as she travels and encounters people and places during the 1950s and the turmoil of the 1960s. Includes nine translations of Dutch poetry. 1993.

Europe Adrift RC 46411
by John Newhouse
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
A political and diplomatic portrait of Europe in the post-cold war period. Depicts a continent of weak governments that lack cohesion and collective direction. Advocates continued efforts to achieve regional unification and to strengthen ties with the United States. 1997.

Multiple Sclerosis: The Questions You Have; the Answers You Need RC 46454
edited by Rosalind C. Kalb
read by John Rayburn
4 cassettes
A guide for people with multiple sclerosis, as well as for their families and caregivers. Uses a question-and-answer format to inform readers about the neurology of the disease, treatment and care, therapies, psychosocial issues, employment, insurance, and other related areas of concern. 1996.

The Dark Lady from Belorusse: A Memoir RC 46458
by Jerome Charyn
read by Bill Wallace
1 cassette
Charyn fondly remembers his mother as a beautiful woman in a silver fox coat who captured everyone's attention in the Bronx. He recalls accompanying her during World War II, when she supported the family by dealing cards for a

politician's poker game and by being a "camel" for a black marketeer. 1997.

Our Sacred Honor: Words of Advice from the Founders in Stories, Letters, Poems, and Speeches RC 46472
edited by William J. Bennett
read by Jake Williams
3 cassettes
Selected historic writings reflecting the "founders' vision of the virtues that they believed necessary for sustaining the American experiment." Presents the words of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abigail Adams, and others on such themes as justice, patriotism, love, and piety. 1997.

Russia's War: Blood upon the Snow RC 46481
by Richard Overy
read by Jake Williams
3 cassettes
Examines material from the KGB and U.S. presidential archives to analyze Russia's role in the military victory over Germany in World War II. Attributes much to the strength of the Russian spirit of perseverance in the face of adversity as evidenced in that country's history and traditions. Companion volume to the television series "Russia's War." 1997.

Michael Collins: A Life RC 46489
by James Mackay
read by John Horton
3 cassettes
Biography of Ireland's hero of the civil war with Great Britain. Collins first fought in the Easter Rising of 1916, was arrested and, once released, joined the Sinn Fein. He rose to become the minister of finance and director of intelligence for the Irish Free State. Collins was assassinated by the Irish Republican Army at the age of thirty-one while at home in County Cork. 1996.

Nazi Gold: The Full Story of the Fifty-Year Swiss-Nazi Conspiracy to Steal Billions from Europe's Jews and Holocaust Survivors RC 46495
by Tom Bower
read by Ken Kliban
3 cassettes
An exposé of financial collaboration between Swiss bankers and officials in Nazi Germany during World War II. Alleges that in return for looted gold and other wealth, Swiss banks helped fund the German war effort and then blocked Holocaust survivors' efforts to claim their assets. 1997.

The Essential Rumi RC 46499
translated by Coleman Barks
read by Gordon Gould
2 cassettes
Contemporary translation of spiritual poetry by the Sufi mystic Jelaluddin Rumi (1207–1273). These poems were created during Rumi's work with a dervish learning community that was "exploring the mystery of union with the divine." Some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Jack London: A Life RC 46510
by Alex Kershaw
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
A portrait of the legendary author whose extraordinary life was as adventurous as his stories. Traces his deprived childhood, his years at rugged maritime labor, his bold expeditions, and his literary renown, which he regarded as phony and unsatisfying. 1997.

Imperfect Control: Our Lifelong Struggles with Power and Surrender RC 46511
by Judith Viorst
read by Kerry Cundiff
3 cassettes
Discusses issues of control that permeate nearly all facets of human existence. In ten chapters covering different phases of life from birth to death, Viorst examines situations to determine what is uncontrollable and when to exert choice. Topics include self-possession, sex, couples, parenthood, and the workplace. Some strong language. 1998.

Great Careers for People Concerned about the Environment RC 46512
by Lesley Grant
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Profiles careers in environmental protection and related fields, including engineering, science, enforcement, law, and health. Describes a typical day in the lives of workers and the educational requirements of each profession. For junior and senior high readers. 1993.

A Passion for Wisdom: A Very Brief History of Philosophy RC 46514
by Robert C. Solomon and Kathleen M. Higgins
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
Portrays the evolution of philosophical ideas and trends from ancient times to postmodern thinking, which arose after World War II. Traces the development of key ideologies and movements, explaining their meanings, relationships, and historical significance. 1997.

How Rude! The Teenagers' Guide to Good Manners, Proper Behavior, and Not Grossing People Out RC 46516
by Alex J. Packer
read by Jill Fox
3 cassettes
Advice on dealing with various social situations. Discusses Internet courtesy and handling special situations such as funerals and religious rites, family and school expectations, and other scenarios. Question-and-answer segments and charts summarize the counsel. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

Voice Lessons: On Becoming a (Woman) Writer RC 46539
by Nancy Mairs
read by Mitzi Friedlander
1 cassette
Eight autobiographical essays on Mairs's "finding" her voice as a female author. Reflects on the ways other writers—both men and women—have influenced her, especially Virginia Woolf. In spite of physical illness and career problems, Mairs confirms her sense of fulfillment through the act of writing. 1994.

The Future of the Internet RC 46540
edited by Charles P. Cozic
read by John Richardson
2 cassettes
Essays expressing various perspectives on the Internet and its implications for the future. Selections discuss the Internet relative to education, commerce, privacy, and other key areas. Views on the global network range from the optimistic to the highly critical. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

Good to Go: The Life and Times of a Decorated Member of the U.S. Navy's Elite SEAL Team Two RC 46544
by Harry Constance and Randall Fuerst
read by Richard Hauenstein
3 cassettes
Memoir of a member of the U.S. Navy SEAL corps, who served in three hundred combat missions during the Vietnam War. Recounts arduous training, covert operations behind enemy lines, and brutal fighting during the Tet offensive in 1968. Strong language and violence. 1997.

Great Careers for People Who Want to Be Entrepreneurs RC 46550
by Jim Lang
read by Gary Tipton
1 cassette
Profiles of individuals who have become successful entrepreneurs include a hot air balloonist, a jewelry designer, tree nursery owners, and a ceiling cleaning franchiser. Suggested activities and tips on entrepreneurship are included. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

The Warrior's Honor: Ethnic War and the Modern Conscience RC 46558
by Michael Ignatieff
read by Lou Harpenau
2 cassettes
Asks whether Western nations in the post-Cold War era bear a moral responsibility to intervene in ethnic conflicts, especially where human atrocities are committed. Examines such cases as Angola, Afghanistan, and Bosnia, where tribal loyalties outweigh the notion of universal human rights. 1998.

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec: Artist RC 46563
by Jennifer Fisher Bryant
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
Presents biographical details and the artistic development of the French painter and poster designer. Suffering from broken legs as a teenager, Henri was forced to limit his physical activities, but he continued to draw. As an adult, he enjoyed the nighttime entertainments of Paris and often used them as the subject of his painting. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

Ray Charles: Voice of Soul RC 46564
by David Ritz
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
Biography of musical genius Ray Charles, who was left sightless by glaucoma as a child. While a student at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Charles learned to read and write music in braille. Describes his personal and professional struggles, including drug addiction, as well as triumphs. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1994.

Boyhood: Scenes from Provincial Life RC 46652
by J.M. Coetzee
read by Graeme Malcolm
1 cassette
Portrays the author's childhood in 1940s and 1950s South Africa from a third-person perspective. He describes his feeling of being different from his classmates, and he grimly recalls his teachers' canings, his parents' arguments, and his own actions that injured his brother. Among his few joyful memories are rid-

ing his bicycle and visiting his grandparents' farm. 1997.

Sailing on Friday: The Perilous Voyage of America's Merchant Marine RC 46693
by John A. Butler
read by Randy Atcher
3 cassettes
Chronicles the development and decline of America's merchant marine, formerly a powerful oceangoing fleet. Traces its colonial origins, its domination of maritime commerce during the nineteenth century, and the subsequent ebbing of its fortunes. 1997.

The Petticoat Affair: Manners, Mutiny, and Sex in Andrew Jackson's White House RC 46695
by John F. Marszalek
read by Terry Hayes Sales
3 cassettes
1829. An account of Washington society centered around the vivacious Margaret O'Neale Timberlake and her husband, John Henry Eaton, Andrew Jackson's secretary of war. When the wives of the president's cabinet members try to exclude Margaret—a "loose woman"—Jackson fuels the scandal of the "Eaton affair" by dismissing their husbands from office. 1997.

Belief in God in an Age of Science RC 46698
by John Polkinghorne
read by Butch Hoover
1 cassette
The author, an Anglican priest and theoretical physicist, traces the similarities of investigative methods used by scientists and theologians. His topics include natural theology, divine action in the physical world, and prospects for future dialog that will include all religious traditions, not just those of the Abrahamic faiths. 1998.

First Intermissions: Twenty-One Great Operas Explored, Explained, and Brought to Life from the Met RC 46718
by M. Owen Lee
read by Jake Williams
2 cassettes
Based on commentaries originally presented during the first intermissions of Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. Father Lee, a professor of classics, analyzes and interprets works by Mozart, Verdi, Wagner, Puccini, and Strauss. 1995.

Twenty-Four Years of House Work—and the Place Is Still a Mess: My Life in Politics RC 46726
by Pat Schroeder
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
The congresswoman from Colorado, who was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1972, reminisces about her personal life as well as the political and social issues in which she was involved. She concludes with advice to all Americans: work toward better government. 1998.

Made Possible By: The Death of Public Broadcasting in the United States RC 46732
by James Ledbetter
read by Jake Williams
3 cassettes
A critical overview of American public television. Traces the development of the medium since 1967, describing its evolving mission and programming, as well as the political challenges and commercial influences that have affected the public broadcasting industry. 1997.

The Dream Palace of the Arabs: A Generation's Odyssey RC 46738
by Fouad Ajami
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Examines the concepts of secular nationalism and modernity as conceived by Arab intellectuals of Beirut, Baghdad, Damascus, and Cairo. Provides insights into the Middle East from Arabic sources—fiction, poetry, memoirs, and political commentaries. 1998.

Turnaround: How America's Top Cop Reversed the Crime Epidemic RC 46743
by William Bratton
read by John Rayburn
3 cassettes
Memoir of the former New York City police commissioner who is credited with reducing serious crime by a third between 1994 and 1996. Traces his working-class youth, his early years on the Boston police force, and his rise through the blue ranks to the top of the law enforcement profession. Violence and some strong language. 1998.

Believing in Magic: The Psychology of Superstition RC 46747
by Stuart A. Vyse
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Vyse examines the psychology of superstition and offers ways to teach rational thinking about paranormal phenomena, astrology, and X-files. He contends that unscientific thinking can be avoided. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

The Science Class You Wish You Had: The Seven Greatest Scientific Discoveries in History and the People Who Made Them RC 46748
by David Eliot Brody and Arnold R. Brody
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Identifies seven basic scientific discoveries that gave rise to the great technological advances of the late twentieth-century. Explains the principles and implications surrounding gravity, the atom, relativity, the Big Bang, DNA, evolution, and genetics. For high school and older readers. 1997.

Love Me to Death RC 46750
by Linda Wolfe
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
Crime writer Linda Wolfe began searching for a killer after a female acquaintance was murdered in 1983. She learned that a private detective suspected a charming Argentine, Ricardo Caputo, and a decade later Caputo is found and charged in the deaths of four other women. Wolfe still seeks answers to her friend's unsolved murder. Some violence. 1998.

The Argument Culture: Moving from Debate to Dialogue RC 46752
by Deborah Tannen
read by Pam Ward
3 cassettes
Asserts that public issues tend to be framed as adversarial, yes-or-no arguments by lawyers, journalists, politicians, and others in American society. Explains how the resulting conflict in public dialog often obscures the truth and hampers the constructive resolution of problems. 1998.

The Mojave: A Portrait of the Definitive American Desert RC 46754
by David Darlington
read by Bill Wallace
3 cassettes
Depicts the vast, bleak terrain of the Mojave Desert in southern California and Nevada. Describes the area's natural history and ecology, its value for military planning and operations, and its use by ranchers, gold miners, UFO watchers, dirt bikers, and others for a variety of purposes. 1996.

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly RC 46844
by Jean-Dominique Bauby
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
A series of reminiscences by a paralyzed survivor of a massive stroke. A victim of "locked-in syndrome," he feels as if his body were inside a diving bell, while his mind can still "soar like a butterfly." He poignantly recalls a time when he took good health for granted, and he describes how hard it is to communicate when he can only blink his left eye. Bestseller 1997.

Team Rodent: How Disney Devours the World RC 46845
by Carl Hiaasen
read by Barry Bernson
1 cassette
Novelist and Florida columnist laments the overwhelming presence of the Walt Disney Company, especially in his state. Strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Climb: Tragic Ambitions on Everest RC 46857
by Anatoli Boukreev and G. Weston DeWalt
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
As lead guide of a 1996 spring expedition to climb Mt. Everest, Boukreev offers his account of what happened on the fateful day of May 10 when several members of the team lost their lives. His first-person account is interwoven with information gained by DeWalt in interviews conducted with other members of the team. Companion to Jon Krakauer's *Into Thin Air (RC 44525)*. Bestseller 1997.

Marilu Henner's Total Health Makeover: Ten Steps to Your B.E.S.T.* Body (*Balance, Energy, Stamina, Toxin-Free) RC 46858
by Marilu Henner
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Sitcom actress Henner describes the methods she uses to stay slim and healthy. They include reducing red meat, caffeine, tobacco, sugar, and dairy products; sweating twenty minutes a day; and learning to like yourself. Bestseller 1998.

Gray Pancakes and Gold Horses RC 46924
edited by Kenneth Jernigan
read by David Elias
1 cassette
Members of the National Federation of the Blind discuss various aspects of being blind. An attorney writes about the importance of learning about body language and others describe how their "educated fingers" make them adept at skills such as sewing. 1998.

A Night without Armor: Poems
RC 47007
by Jewel Kilcher
read by Lindsay Ellison
1 cassette
Alaskan songwriter presents 109 poems. In these autobiographical pieces, she expresses her feelings about love and lovers, places visited, and lessons learned from personal experience. Bestseller 1998.

Cassettes Fiction

The Point: Stories RC 40992
by Charles D'Ambrosio
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
Short stories with diverse settings, yet all examining a character's emotional journey. The title story is told by a precocious teen whose job it is to escort drunken revellers home from his mother's wild parties. This somber yet comic tale explores life's losses to alcohol, to infidelity, and to suicide. Some strong language. 1995.

The Quest for Saint Camber: The Histories of King Kelson, Volume 3
RC 44523
by Katherine Kurtz
read by Gary Tipton
4 cassettes
Fortunately for King Kelson of Gwynedd, the legendary Saint Camber has often come to his aid. Kelson and his blood brother, Dhugal, are on a quest to learn more about Camber. But an accident leaves them feared dead, and other forces begin to seek control of the kingdom. Sequel to *The King's Justice (RC 44522)*. Some violence and some strong language. 1986.

Spirit of a Bear RC 44795
by Susan Harmon
read by Mitzi Friedlander
1 cassette
Saloon-owner Ben Barnes runs a mail-order bride business. In a weak moment, Trap McCrae orders a woman from back east, even though he has an Indian wife and son. When Elizabeth Butler arrives in the mining town, she has a few decisions to make. Some violence. 1994.

The Outsider RC 44881
by Penelope Williamson
read by Margaret Strom
4 cassettes
Rachel Yoder and her young son Benjo are trying to survive on a Montana sheep ranch in the 1880s, when out of the woods comes severely wounded Johnny Cain. Although the Amish folks frown upon the widow Rachel taking care of an "outsider," she continues to do so. But the community is outraged when she hires Cain to help on the ranch. Some violence. 1996.

Over What Hill? (Notes from the Pasture) RC 45171
by Effie Leland Wilder
read by Mimi Bederman
1 cassette
The author, an eighty-six-year-old resident of a nursing home, continues the journal of Hattie McNair. McNair conveys tiny episodes in the lives of the residents of FairAcres Home. She provides a peek at a budding romance between two residents and interactions with neighbors "on the outside." Sequel to *Out to Pasture (RC 41559)*. 1996.

Benjamin's Crossing RC 45501
by Jay Parini
read by Phil Regensdorf
2 cassettes
Fictionalized life of early twentieth-century German critic and philosopher Walter Benjamin. Between the two wars Benjamin is part of the wealthy, Jewish intelligentsia in Berlin. The love of Benjamin's life, however, is a Marxist, Asja Lacis, a matter that casts suspicion on his own politics. Escaping to France, Benjamin is safe for a time but eventually makes his way to Spain, where he commits suicide. 1997.

Days of Drums RC 45503
by Philip Shelby
read by Cyn Delafield
2 cassettes
The fast-track career of Secret Service agent Holland Tylo is derailed when a prominent senator is murdered on her watch. The distraught Tylo realizes almost too late that she holds political secrets that both criminals and government officials are desperate to obtain at any price. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Ruth Erskine's Crosses RC 45555
by Isabella Alden
read by Mimi Black
2 cassettes
At the turn of the century, Ruth learns that her widowed father, Judge Erskine, has been married twice and has a grown daughter almost Ruth's age. When he summons the daughter and her mother to live with Ruth and himself, Ruth has to rely on her Christian faith to help her accept her unpolished stepmother and half-sister. 1997.

What Men Say RC 45558
by Joan Smith
read by Connie Crawford
2 cassettes
Loretta Lawson's best friend, Bridget Bennett, has just married and bought a house outside Oxford. At the housewarming party, the body of a young woman is discovered on the property. Bridget, pregnant and distraught, moves in with Loretta during the investigation and is soon charged with murder. It is up to Loretta to prove Bridget innocent. Some violence and some strong language. 1993.

The Witch of Exmoor RC 45560
by Margaret Drabble
read by Lindsay Ellison
3 cassettes
Frieda Palmer has removed herself to a dilapidated mansion by the sea, and her family is dismayed. Daniel, her son, invites his two sisters and their husbands to his country home to discuss the situation. Although affluent, each would like to inherit Frieda's estate. Dissension ensues, fueled by Frieda. 1996.

Intimate Strangers RC 45787
by Juliette Mead
read by Laura Giannarelli
3 cassettes
Americans Christy and Gabe McCarthy and Britons Maggie and Oliver Callahan innocently decide that a change of scenery will put a spark in their respective marriages. When both couples join a home-exchange program for their summer vacations, however, each relationship faces greater jeopardy. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Acts of Revision RC 45805
by Martyn Bedford
read by John Horton
2 cassettes
After the death of his mother, reclusive bachelor Gregory Lynn uncovers a trove of old school reports that evoke bitter memories of his childhood. Lynn is thus provoked to wreak vengeance against the oppressive teachers who, he believes, doomed him to a failed life. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. 1996.

Deal on Ice RC 45844
by Les Standiford
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
John Deal, Miami contractor, is stunned when his friend, bookstore owner Arch Dolan, is murdered. He wonders if the death is connected to the opening of Mega-Media superstore directly across the street from Dolan's place. John is even more surprised to find out who owns the conglomerate. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Ritual Bath RC 45854
by Faye Kellerman
read by Richard Davidson
2 cassettes
Detective Peter Decker is called to investigate a rape in a Jewish women's bathhouse. The only witness, widow Rina Lazarus, is willing to cooperate. Decker finds himself drawn to the community and to Lazarus. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1986.

Scenes of Clerical Life RC 45862
by George Eliot
read by George Holmes
3 cassettes
Stories first published in 1857 portray the lives of three nineteenth-century clergymen in England. The writings depict the humor and pathos of people engaged in ordinary events and everyday duties. The author highlights the moral dimension in society with the view that "the first condition of human goodness is something to love." 1988.

Final Diagnosis: A Sector General Novel RC 45878
by James White
read by Randy Davidson
2 cassettes
Sector General is the massive, multispecies hospital seen in *The Galactic Gourmet (RC 45877)*. Now Hewlitt, a human, is admitted with unexplainable symptoms and sent back to his home planet. There it is discovered that he has been inhabited by a virus, but the virus has since moved on to another host, creating fears of an interspecies plague. 1997.

The Warriors: The Wells Fargo Trail, Book 7 RC 45942
by Jim Walker
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Zac, Joe, and James Cobb receive telegrams sending them to Santa Fe. There they learn that the U.S. government wants them to travel into Mexico to rescue their brother Julian and save the government of President Diaz. Along the way, they encounter two women who work for the president's enemy. Sequel to *The Oyster Pirates (RC 45941)*. 1997.

Esau RC 45998
by Philip Kerr
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
During a climb in the Himalayas, moun-

taineer Jack Furness finds a hominid skull that belongs to an extant, but unknown, species. When Furness and his biologist-lover decide to pursue the creature, a CIA agent with a sinister agenda joins their expedition. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1997.

The Enchanted April RC 46007
by Elizabeth von Arnim
read by Jennifer Mendenhall
2 cassettes
On a rainy February day in London, Mrs. Lotty Wilkins notices an ad in the Times for a small medieval Italian castle on the shores of the Mediterranean to be let for the month of April. A seed is planted in her mind, and soon she, along with three other women, find themselves on a holiday in Italy that will ultimately affect the lives of each one. 1922.

Lilah and Suzanna: The Calhoun Women, Book 2 RC 46064
by Nora Roberts
read by Sharon Murray
3 cassettes
In this sequel to *Catherine and Amanda (RC 46063)*, the hunt for great-grandma Bianca's emerald necklace continues. When Max, a professor and avid sailor, washes ashore during a bad storm, he is rescued by Lilah, who soon loses her heart to him. Suzanna falls in love with ex-cop Holt, the grandson of Bianca's lover. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1991.

Jo's Girls: Tomboy Tales of High Adventure, True Grit, and Real Life RC 46097
edited by Christian McEwen
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
The author has gathered nearly forty short stories and memoirs that feature the exuberance and high spirit of girls who do not adhere to expected standards of conduct. Includes works by Toni Morrison, Carson McCullers, Alice Munro, and Simone de Beauvoir. The title honors Jo March, the tomboy of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Magic's Price: The Last Herald-Mage, Book 3 RC 46105
by Mercedes Lackey
read by James DeLotel
3 cassettes
Sequel to *Magic's Promise (RC 41572)*. In the concluding volume of this trilogy, Vanyel struggles against the evil aimed at Valdemar, a once-peaceful kingdom. Because a dream reveals the consequences of defeat, Vanyel and his companion Yfandes fight valiantly. Some strong language. 1990.

Proud Helios RC 46113
by Melissa Scott
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
When a mysterious cloaked ship begins attacking Gamma Quadrant shipping, Commander Sisko of *Deep Space Nine* is glad to have the assistance of the Cardassians in tracking down the pirates. But the Cardassians are obsessed with destroying the rogue ship at any cost, even if the effort jeopardizes the crew of *Deep Space Nine*. A Star Trek *Deep Space Nine* novel. 1995.

Lieutenant Hornblower RC 46117
by C.S. Forester
read by Graeme Malcolm
2 cassettes (Reissue)
In this sequel to *Mr. Midshipman Hornblower (RC 26915)*, Horatio Hornblower emerges from his apprenticeship as

midshipman to assume the responsibilities forced upon him by the war between Napoleon and Spain. Also follows his career on board HMS *Renown* up to his promotion to captain. 1951.

Shadow of the Lariat RC 46131
edited by Jon Tuska
read by Bob Askey
5 cassettes
Anthology of twenty-two Western short stories by Zane Grey, Max Brand, Les Savage, Frank Bonham, and others. A brief biographical sketch of the author accompanies each frontier tale, many of which originally appeared in such publications as *Lariat Story Magazine*. 1995.

The Best American Mystery Stories, 1997 RC 46147
edited by Robert B. Parker
read by Jim Zeiger
3 cassettes
Twenty hard-boiled mystery stories first published in 1996. Includes well-known authors Jonathan Kellerman and Elmore Leonard. In "Red Clay," a movie star is accused of murder in a small southern town. In "Hot Springs," a football coach continues his losing streak. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Rats Saw God RC 46176
by Rob Thomas
read by Gary Telles
2 cassettes
Steve York changes from an "A" student to a druggie in danger of failing his senior year. His guidance counselor requires that he write a one-hundred-page paper to receive his diploma on time. In the course of writing, Steve begins to view his life in a different light. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

Last Hanging at Paradise Meadow RC 46178
by Stephen Bly
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
Learning his friend Peter Mulroney has been thrown in jail for a murder he did not commit, Stuart Brannon comes to Paradise Meadow, Colorado, to help. But dealing with self-appointed mayor Dixon Rutherford is not an easy task. Rutherford, suspected of running over Peter's wife, is trying to push schoolteacher Rose Creek out of town because she is part Cherokee. 1992.

Margin of Error RC 46188
by Edna Buchanan
read by Barbara Pinolini
2 cassettes
When Hollywood star Lance Westfell arrives in Miami to shoot a movie, newspaper crime reporter Britt Montero is told to help him research his role. As they become friends, Britt learns of Lance's biggest fan, a stalker named Stephanie. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Mrs. Chippy's Last Expedition: The Remarkable Journal of Shackleton's Polar-Bound Cat RC 46193
by Caroline Alexander
read by David Cutler
1 cassette
The whimsical chronicle of Mrs. Chippy, a male cat that sailed with Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914 expedition to Antarctica. Recounts the perils of sailing on frozen seas, the ordeal of being stranded when the ship was crushed by ice, and the crew's miraculous escape

and survival. 1997.

Four Dreamers and Emily RC 46195
by Stevie Davies
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
An Emily Brontë conference brings together an odd assortment of participants, each of whom is an avid devotee of Emily. During the few days they spend together, four people find inner resources that produce major changes in their lives. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1996.

The Mercy Seat RC 46204
by Rilla Askew
read by Nanette Savard
4 cassettes
In February 1887, the Lodi brothers leave Kentucky and head west. They carry with them their families, their belongings, and an ancient tragedy that will play itself out in the mountains of Oklahoma. The story is told by ten-year-old Mattie, who, following her mother's death, attempts to hold her disintegrating family together. Some strong language and some violence. 1997.

A Quiet Life RC 46208
by Kenzaburo Oe
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
The Nobel laureate presents a fictional memoir. Ma-chan, a twenty-year-old woman, records events while at home in Japan as her parents spend six months in California. Ma-chan is responsible for her older, retarded but musically gifted brother Eeyore, whom she dearly loves, and for her younger, more independent student brother. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1990.

Both Sides of Time RC 46220
by Caroline B. Cooney
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
Annie wants romance from her boyfriend, Sean, but he's only interested in cars. While visiting his apartment at the crumbling Stratton mansion, Annie wanders through the building, sad that it is to be demolished. Suddenly, she is pulled back a century to 1895 and meets Strat, young heir to the mansion. The period is romantic but not kind to women or immigrant groups, and a murder threatens Annie and her new friends. For junior and senior high readers. 1995.

The Panic Hand RC 46230
by Jonathan Carroll
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
Short stories, each with a bizarre incident as its centerpiece. In "Mr. Fiddlehead," a woman's imaginary childhood friend comes to live with her family. In "Postgraduate" a thirty-two-year-old man wakes up in his old boarding school as a student. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

Publish and Perish: Three Tales of Tenure and Terror RC 46236
by James Hynes
read by Richard Hauenstein
2 cassettes
Three stories about academics seeking tenure. In "Queen of the Jungle," a couple's cat doesn't approve of an adulterous affair; in "99," an anthropologist in Britain ends up in a village of druids; and in "Casting the Runes," an evil professor uses spells to steal manuscripts. Some strong language, some violence,

and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Tobacco Road RC 46240
by Erskine Caldwell
read by David Palmer
1 cassette (Reissue)
The famous saga, first published in 1932, of Jeeter Lester and his shiftless family. Their ribald adventures along Tobacco Road, once a flourishing plantation, attract a lusty preacher, Sister Bessie. Explicit descriptions of sex. 1995.

Cruising Paradise RC 46242
by Sam Shepard
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
Forty short tales about relationships, growing up, and loneliness by the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright. Many of the stories are situated in the western United States and Mexico; some depict the grandeur and tedium of moviemaking. 1996.

Always to Remember RC 46243
by Lorraine Heath
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
"Clay" Holland, who refused to carry a gun during the Civil War, has been branded a coward since his return to Cedar Grove, Texas. Meg Warner tries to shame him and to commemorate the town's fallen heroes by commissioning him to carve a memorial statue for the town. But Meg is surprised by Clay's courage. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

This Matter of Marriage RC 46244
by Debbie Macomber
read by Janis Gray
2 cassettes
As successful career woman Hallie McCarthy turns thirty, she decides it's time to find a husband and start a family. Meanwhile Steve Marris moves next door and the two become friends. Steve tells her of his undying love for his ex-wife, and Hallie describes her series of disastrous dates. 1997.

Free Fall RC 46250
by Joyce Sweeney
read by Richard Hauenstein
1 cassette
Four teenage boys sneak away from home to explore a deep cave. They become lost and soon realize that their survival depends on controlling their fears and pulling together. In a last ditch effort to escape, one boy risks a perilous underwater swim to safety. Strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Brewing Up a Storm: A John Thatcher Mystery RC 46253
by Emma Lathen
read by Andy Chappell
2 cassettes
Kichsel Brewery, a client of John Thatcher's bank, produces Quax, a nonalcoholic beer marketed to win customers over to a more potent brew. When a teenage boy dies in a drunk-driving accident, his family takes Kichsel to court with the help of Madeleine Underwood's lobbying firm, NOBBY (No-Beer Buying Youngsters). Thatcher becomes involved when Underwood is murdered. Some strong language. 1996.

Best Ghost and Horror Stories RC 46255
by Bram Stoker
read by Fred Major
2 cassettes
Originally published in 1914, these fourteen horror tales depict supernatural

and brutal events in a variety of settings. In "The Dualitists," a pair of cruel, degenerate boys embark on a campaign of destruction. They "progress" from breaking housewares to killing animals and, ultimately, to cold-blooded murder. Violence. 1997.

Bone Dance RC 46258
by Martha Brooks
read by Jill Fox
1 cassette
Seventeen-year-old Alexandra Sinclair unexpectedly inherits some land in Manitoba from her unknown father. Lonny LaFrenière believes the property should be his and resents that his stepfather sold the family heritage. At first leery of each other, both Native American teenagers find something they need on Medicine Bluff. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

The Unlucky Seven: A Gil Yates Private Investigator Novel RC 46259
by Alistair Boyle
read by Roy Avers
1 cassette
A terrorist is sending mail bombs to the seven people he believes rule the world. The next victim, billionaire Harold Mattlock, hires private detective Gil Yates, alias Malvin Stark, for protection. Yates teams up with the beautiful Wiggy, who has been researching terrorist groups for years. Together they work to prevent another killing. 1997.

Suspense RC 46263
by Parnell Hall
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Stanley Hastings, New York private detective, is hired by Maxine Winnington, wife of bestselling author Kenneth Winnington, to find out who's been calling her with death threats. During the investigation, Kenneth's ex-publisher and his current publicist are murdered. Hastings becomes a suspect—until his family is also threatened. Some violence and some strong language. 1998.

The Wrong Kind of Money RC 46264
by Stephen Birmingham
read by Mitzi Friedlander
3 cassettes
Jules Liebling made his fortune during Prohibition as a distiller. His widow, Hannah—age eighty-two—still runs the company. She and her socially ambitious children use their money and power to gain entry into New York's best circles, but their plans are almost thwarted by a murder. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Seven League Boots RC 46273
by Albert Murray
read by L.J. Ganser
3 cassettes
In *The Spyglass Tree (RC 46274)*, Scooter graduated from college in the 1920s. Now he joins a famous African American jazz band. Traveling across the country, he perfects his talent. He decides to stay in Hollywood to write music, but moves to France before returning to his roots in Alabama. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1995.

A Free Man of Color RC 46286
by Barbara Hambly
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
1833 New Orleans. In a complex world where Creoles, Americans, French, and blacks live and love, a Creole's beautiful black mistress is murdered during Mardi Gras. Paris-educated Benjamin Janu-

ary, who is trying to adjust to being a free black man in an unforgiving world, feels obligated to find the murderer. Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Rumpole and the Angel of Death
RC 46290
by John Mortimer
read by Tom Martin
2 cassettes
Six mysteries featuring Horace Rumpole. In one case, Rumpole defends an animal-rights activist who clashes with fox hunters. In another a doctor is accused of hastening the end of an Alzheimer's patient. And "She Who Must Be Obeyed," i.e., Hilda Rumpole, recounts his defense of a young boy charged with using a golf club to beat his father to death. 1995.

Songs of Enchantment RC 46293
by Ben Okri
read by Ed Blake
2 cassettes
Surrealistic and poetic sequel to the Booker Prize-winning novel *The Famished Road (RC 46288)*. In a poor Nigerian village, Azaro, a child-spirit, and his family have outwitted death. The family and village struggle with terrifying evil on two planes: among local political forces and among the spirits. Some violence. 1993.

Enemy of God: A Novel of Arthur; Warlord Chronicles, Volume 2
RC 46297
by Bernard Cornwell
read by George Holmes
4 cassettes
In this sequel to *The Winter King (RC 46305)*, warrior Derfel continues the story of King Arthur. Merlin searches for the cauldron that, he believes, will rid Britain of both the Saxons and their allies, the Christians, and restore the old gods. The Christians thus believe that Arthur also is their enemy. But the ruler is occupied by other challenges. Some violence. 1996.

False Prophet RC 46300
by Faye Kellerman
read by Richard Davidson
3 cassettes
L.A. police detective Pete Decker investigates the rape of health spa owner Lilah Brecht. Two possibly related murders; family secrets surrounding her actress mother, half-brothers, and staff members; and Lilah's blatant flirting make this a confusing case. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1992.

The Winter King: A Novel of Arthur; Warlord Chronicles, Volume 1
RC 46305
by Bernard Cornwell
read by George Holmes
4 cassettes
In this prequel to *Enemy of God (RC 46297)*, the orphan Derfel tells the story of how King Arthur unified England. In Dark Age Britain, native kings fight amongst themselves as well as against the Irish, Scots, and Saxons; and Druids vie with Christians for followers. Into this melee Arthur comes advocating internal peace and unity against foreign invaders. Some violence. 1995.

The Project RC 46316
by Zev Chafets
read by Gary Roan
2 cassettes
House speaker Dewey Goldberg becomes president following a tragic accident. America's first Jewish chief execu-

tive, Goldberg is opposed by Israel's right-wing prime minister. Goldberg dispatches an aide, Charlie Walker, to Israel, where Walker uncovers a plot to destabilize the world. Strong language. 1997.

Spares RC 46318
by Michael Marshall Smith
read by Norm Thibeault
2 cassettes
In a futuristic war-torn region of Virginia, former soldier Jack Randall works as a guard on a spares farm, where cloned humans are kept to provide replacement parts for their originals. When Randall absconds with seven of the "spares," they are pursued through a nearby megamall. Strong language and violence. 1997.

Identity RC 46357
by Milan Kundera
read by Steven Carpenter
1 cassette
Longtime lovers, Jean-Marc and Chantal, complicate their relationship through a series of misperceptions and failure to communicate. Jean-Marc's misguided attempt to bolster Chantal's ego through anonymous notes of admiration backfires. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Secret RC 46372
by Cynthia Victor
read by Michele Schaeffer
2 cassettes
Miranda is an adoring wife and encourages Stephen's attempt to write an action adventure novel. But Stephen is tired of Miranda, so when his books become bestsellers he finds a way to fake his own death and take all their money. Desperate and broke, Miranda is forced to try a daring plan. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

Too Soon for Jeff RC 46373
by Marilyn Reynolds
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Jeff Browning, seventeen, and Christy Calderon, sixteen, have been dating for seventeen months. Jeff feels tied down and plans to break up with Christy, but his plans are thwarted when Christy announces she is four months pregnant. Jeff wants her to have an abortion, but she refuses. As they are forced to work out feelings about being parents, they learn some valuable lessons. For junior and senior high readers. 1994.

Play for a Kingdom RC 46374
by Thomas Dyja
read by Gregory Gorton
3 cassettes
In May of 1864, war-weary Union soldiers challenge a troop of Alabama Confederates to a series of baseball contests while the battle of Spotsylvania rages around them. In the final match, the reality of the war intrudes upon their short-lived truce, and the game turns deadly. Strong language and violence. 1997.

Fall on Your Knees RC 46379
by Ann-Marie MacDonald
read by Nanette Savard
4 cassettes
Materia is thirteen when she elopes with the eighteen-year-old piano tuner, James, and her Lebanese-Canadian family disowns her. James claims to be devoted to their first daughter, Kathleen, and they have three more girls as years pass. The four sisters don't mention the family secrets of incest and

rape, until an illegitimate child appears on the scene. 1996.

Love Warps the Mind a Little
RC 46380
by John Dufresne
read by Gregory Gorton
2 cassettes
Lafayette Proulx's wife kicks him out when he admits to having an affair. His girlfriend, Judi, reluctantly lets him move in temporarily. He spends his time trying to write a novel and socializing with Judi's bizarre family. Then Judi discovers she is dying of cancer and Lafayette becomes her caregiver. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The House of the Vestals: The Investigations of Gordianus the Finder
RC 46381
by Steven Saylor
read by Jeff Baker
2 cassettes
This collection of nine short stories fills in the gap between *Saylor's Roman Blood (RC 36648)* and *Arms of Nemesis (RC 41404)*. These mysteries portray important features of Gordianus's life—his relationships with his wife, Bethesda; his adopted son, Eco; his manservant, Belbo; and his patron, Lucius Claudius. Some violence. 1997.

The Matchmakers RC 46382
by Janette Oke
read by Barbara Pinolini
1 cassette
When Cynthia Longley's husband died three years ago, her widower father practically moved into her home to help her and her two sons adjust. But now Cynthia is feeling the need for some space—and she thinks her father needs some too. She could not have imagined, however, what happens when her friend Judith suggests they introduce him to a fellow church member's mother. 1997.

The Pact RC 46385
by Hilary Norman
read by Annie Wauters
3 cassettes
Olivia, Jamie, and Annie, American high school students in London, become bonded emotionally when their parents are killed in an air accident. Through the years, Olivia and Jamie, married to another woman, fight their mutual attraction. But then Olivia discovers a dark secret concerning the deaths, and both Jamie and Annie run to her aid. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Inheritor RC 46397
by C.J. Cherryh
read by Kimberly Schraf
4 cassettes
In the sequel to *Invader (RC 42111)*, the uneasy peace between the human colonists and the native atevi is tested when the starship Phoenix returns with more people two hundred years later. The current human ambassador, Bren Cameron, strains to prevent planetary war through building communication between the newcomers and the natives. Some strong language. 1996.

The Crystal Frontier: A Novel in Nine Stories RC 46402
by Carlos Fuentes
read by Lewis Grenville
2 cassettes
Nine stories by the award-winning Mexican author are tied together by the title reference to the border between Mexico and the United States. Fuentes explores the cultural and economic differences between the Hispanics and the Anglos where they intermingle geo-

graphically. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

Damascus Gate RC 46430
by Robert Stone
read by David Hartley-Margolin
4 cassettes
Gathering material on religious fanatics in Jerusalem, American journalist Chris Lucas enters the "heart of a Middle Eastern setup devised by deluded masters." He copes with a multitude of intertwined conspiracies, some religious and some political. Some strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

How like a God RC 46440
by Brenda W. Clough
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
An ordinary suburban family man, Rob Lewis suddenly has the power to read other people's minds and even to manipulate their thoughts. He wants to use this talent for good, like a comic-book superhero would, but his life slips out of control. Abandoning his family seems the best way to protect them . . . from himself. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

The Riddle of Alabaster Royal RC 46452
by Patricia Veryan
read by Gabriella Cavallero
2 cassettes
After being wounded in Spain in 1813, Captain Jack Vespa returns to England with plans to settle down at Alabaster Royal, his newly inherited estate in Dorsetshire. Jack looks forward to peace and quiet, but what he finds is a home believed to be haunted, a young woman and her grandmother hiding out there, and a series of nighttime visitors. 1997.

Shadow Woman RC 46453
by Thomas Perry
read by Mary Woods
3 cassettes
Jane Whitefield specializes in helping people disappear and start new lives. After marrying her longtime lover, Dr. Carey McKinnon, Jane agrees to stop her dangerous work. But Las Vegas bagman Pete Hatcher has been careless and calls on Jane to help him escape a second time. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Night Terrors: Stories of Shadow and Substance RC 46459
edited by Lois Duncan
read by Gabriella Cavallero
1 cassette
Eleven short stories of terror and fright written by popular young adult authors. In "The Bogey Man," a boy discovers too late that his grandmother wasn't lying about the dangers of the basement. In "The Beautiful Thing," a teenager longs for the power and the thrill of borrowing his friend's gun. Includes an afterword by each author. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

The Blue Window RC 46461
by Temple Bailey
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes
Hildegarde grew up on a farm in Missouri with her mother and two aunts. Now Hildegarde's mother is dead. Her dying wish is that her daughter be reunited with Hildegarde's long-lost father in Maryland. Hildegarde is overwhelmed by the upscale lifestyle she encounters in the East and longs for the true love she left behind. 1926.

The Sunday Macaroni Club RC 46471
by Steve Lopez
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
In Philadelphia, assistant district attorney Lisa Savitch and ex-FBI agent Mike Muldoon investigate the politically corrupt Sunday Macaroni Club. Led by ex-con and ex-senator Augie Sangiamino, the club takes care of unions, traffic tickets, and polluting oil companies. Savitch and Muldoon stumble onto white-collar crime, bribery, murder, and a public health epidemic. Some violence and some strong language. 1997.

Dark Horse RC 46476
by Doug Richardson
read by Chuck Benson
3 cassettes
A young and attractive Texas lawyer and community activist, Mitch Dutton, runs for Congress against a long-term incumbent. When the incumbent dies in a hunting accident, a dark horse candidate without a past replaces him. Little is known about Shakespeare McCann. And what Mitch and his wife, Connie, later find out must be kept secret. Some strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Lady of Avalon RC 46477
by Marion Zimmer Bradley
read by Jill Ferris
4 cassettes
After the destruction of the Forest House, Caillean brings ten-year-old Gawen to Avalon, where he is greeted by the Lady of the Fairy Folk as the "Son of a Hundred Kings." The Lady's daughter, Sianna, plays an important role in Gawen's future. Sequel to *The Forest House (RC 39356)*. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Pale Gray for Guilt RC 46485
by John D. MacDonald
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
Travis McGee's old buddy Tush Bannon dies mysteriously after a big Florida corporation decides it must have his prime oceanside acres. 1968.

The Measured Man RC 46494
by Howard Owen
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
When black residents of a small North Carolina town seek to convert an old slave market into a museum, over the objections of white townspeople, newsman Walker Fann is torn by his loyalties to both factions. As tensions escalate into violence, Fann faces a crisis of conscience that will change his life. Some strong language. 1997.

Point of Origin RC 46520
by Patricia Cornwell
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Captured in *From Potter's Field (RC 41785)*, psychopath Carrie Grethen sends medical examiner Kay Scarpetta an unsettling note before escaping from a mental hospital. Fearful for herself, her niece, and others who helped bring down Grethen, Scarpetta still tries to concentrate on an unusual arson case. Strong language and violence. Best-seller 1998.

Archangel RC 46536
by Sharon Shinn
read by Roy Avers
3 cassettes
At the next Gloria, the song festival in praise of the god Jovah, Gabriel is to

become the archangel, and his wife, the angelica. That means he has only six months before the ceremony to find and wed the mortal woman Rachel, who is foreordained to be his wife. It has never occurred to Gabriel that she might refuse to marry him. For senior high readers. 1996.

New Stories from the South: The Year's Best, 1991 RC 46541
edited by Shannon Ravenel
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Sixteen short stories selected from among the best writers of the South, including Reynolds Price, Jill McCorkle, and Lee Smith. In "The Arabesque," two sisters live in dread of their mother, who is insane. In "Intensive Care," a middle-aged man leaves his family for a woman he knew in high school, only to have her die of cancer. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1991.

A Season in Purgatory RC 46542
by Dominick Dunne
read by Barry Bernson
3 cassettes
Twenty years ago, a wealthy teenaged girl was murdered. The crime was covered up by Gerald Bradley to protect his son Constant. The Bradleys, pious Irish Catholics whose wealth has come from questionable sources, bought the loyalty of orphaned Harrison Burns, a school friend of their son. Now Burns, a well-known journalist, can no longer keep silent about those events. Strong language. Bestseller 1993.

Tallgrass RC 46545
by Don Coldsmith
read by Richard Hauenstein
3 cassettes
Seven stories tracing the history of the Kansas prairie from the first Native American encounters with the Spanish to the early nineteenth century. Each story includes a historical afterword. Some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Sundiver RC 46547
by David Brin
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Jacob Demwa feels that it is time to leave the Center for Uplift and his research with dolphins and chimps. Opportunely Fagin, his E.T. (extraterrestrial) friend, invites him to join Expedition Sundiver based on Mercury to explore strange phenomena on the sun. 1980.

Winning Can Be Murder: A Sheriff Dan Rhodes Mystery RC 46551
by Bill Crider
read by Fred Major
1 cassette
Football is the highlight of social life in Clearview, Texas. So when the assistant high school football coach is murdered, Sheriff Dan Rhodes is pressured to solve the case. Then days later the town's gambler is killed. Rhodes suspects a connection. 1996.

Emerald Rain RC 46553
by Linda Francis Lee
read by Mitzi Friedlander
2 cassettes
Nicholas Drake has won his case in court and has almost won the revenge he has wanted for years. But Ellie Sinclair refuses to sell him the piece of New York City property he needs to complete his victory—and he won't let

the matter drop. As they fight their battle of wills, an attraction grows between them. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

Irresistible Impulse RC 46554
by Robert K. Tanenbaum
read by Carole Jordan Stewart
3 cassettes
Butch Karp heads the homicide department in the New York district attorney's office. His wife, Marlene, runs a security agency specializing in protecting women against domestic abuse. Their home life suffers while Marlene tries to find the man stalking musician Edie Wooten and Butch prosecutes a serial killer. Some strong language and some violence. 1997.

What's the Worst That Could Happen? RC 46566
by Donald E. Westlake
read by Barry Bernson
2 cassettes
Dortmunder, the burglar, is upset when one of his wealthy victims tells the cops that Dortmunder's ring is his—and steals it from him. After escaping, Dortmunder and his gang follow the billionaire around the country, robbing him as they go, while trying to recapture the burglar's lucky ring. Some strong language. 1996.

Never Street RC 46567
by Loren D. Estleman
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Detroit private investigator Amos Walker is hired by Gay Catalin to find her husband, Neil. Neil is a video producer who loves film noir. Since Neil has had one nervous breakdown, Gay fears that he believes that he is a movie character. Walker soon discovers money missing from the Catalin company, and some murders, but no Neil. Some violence and some strong language. 1997.

Witchlight RC 46568
by Marion Zimmer Bradley
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
Although Winter Musgrave remembers that she was a successful trader on Wall Street and that she discharged herself from a mental hospital, she can't fill in the blanks. Dead animals appear at her door and objects near her self-destruct. Winter seeks help at a psychic research center to regain her memory and confront what is pursuing her. 1996.

Death in the Devil's Acre RC 46573
by Anne Perry
read by Terry Hayes Sales
2 cassettes
London, 1887. Atrocious murders involving mutilation have occurred in the slums of London. Inspector Thomas Pitt is handling the case. When wealthy people become suspects, Pitt's wife, Charlotte, secretly enlists her society sister's help to independently solve the case. Some violence. 1985.

The Incurable Matchmaker RC 46578
by Mary Balogh
read by Vanessa Maroney
2 cassettes
When the marquess of Kenwood's prowess with the ladies is challenged, the tipsy nobleman accepts a wager to bed the virtuous Diana Ingram, recent widow of a clergyman. The two are invited to a house party given by Diana's mother-in-law, who has matchmaking ideas of her own. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1990.

Sara's Song RC 46588
by Fern Michaels
read by Nanette Savard
3 cassettes
Dr. Sara Killian meets an unusual rock star, Dallas Lord, and impetuously agrees to marry him. Following his untimely airplane accident, Sara mourns Dallas while dealing with his ex-girlfriend and disagreeable brother Adam. All she has left is a song Dallas wrote for her—a song that becomes valuable. Some violence. 1998.

Storm at Daybreak: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 1 RC 46590
by B.J. Hoff
read by Anne Hancock
2 cassettes
Jennifer Terry is hired as an assistant to the owner of a Christian radio station in West Virginia. Left sightless by a drunken driver, Daniel Kaine is a composer as well as an ex-Olympic swimmer. As they gradually fall in love, their happiness is threatened by attempts on Dan's life. Prequel to *The Captive Voice (RC 46591)*. 1986.

The Captive Voice: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 2 RC 46591
by B.J. Hoff
read by Anne Hancock
2 cassettes
While honeymooning on Lake Erie, Jennifer Kaine and her husband Daniel, who is blind, meet Christian singer Vali Tremayne. Vali retired after the death of her fiancé. Now it appears that her life is also in danger. With the help of God, the Kaines lend Vali their support. Sequel to *Storm at Daybreak (RC 46590)*. 1987.

The Tangled Web: Daybreak Mysteries, Volume 3 RC 46592
by B.J. Hoff
read by Anne Hancock
1 cassette
Jennifer and Daniel Kaine are in the process of converting a West Virginia farm into a Christian summer camp for disabled youth. A hoodlum on the run from the mob turns up with the two children of his murdered boss. The Kaines offer shelter and prepare for the hit men to arrive. Sequel to *The Captive Voice (RC 46591)*. 1988.

Monument Rock RC 46597
by Louis L'Amour
read by Rick Rohan
2 cassettes
Eight previously unpublished short stories with an afterword by the author's grandson. In the title story, a mysterious rider warns Lona that her fiancé and her father are not the men she thinks they are. In "A Man Named Utah," the new marshal in Squaw Creek investigates fourteen murders and robberies. He immediately suspects that a mass murderer is on the loose. Bestseller 1998.

Shade's Children RC 46607
by Garth Nix
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
In a future world, four teenagers with different psychic skills form a bond while trying to defeat the gory rule of the Overlords. Encouraged and trained by Shade, their mysterious leader, Drum, Ella, Ninde, and Gold-Eye confront hideous monsters who would rather capture them for their body parts than kill them. Violence and some strong lan-

guage. For junior and senior high readers. 1997.

The Day of the Storm RC 46610
by Rosamunde Pilcher
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
On the eve of her mother's death, Rebecca learns that she has a grandfather living in Cornwall in a fine old house filled with antiques. She decides to visit him to collect some of her mother's possessions and encounters a whole new set of strange relatives and even stranger sensations. Some strong language. 1975.

The Consul's Wife RC 46639
by W.T. Tyler
read by John Stratton
2 cassettes
The Congo, 1970s. Recently assigned to Africa, Hugh Mathews, a vagabond foreign service officer, becomes engrossed in native life. At the embassy, however, his coworkers are more interested in politics and cocktail parties. But the consul's wife, Blakey Ogden, shares Mathews's interest in the interior's culture. The two soon fall in love and plunge into an affair. 1998.

Bob the Gambler RC 46676
by Frederick Barthelme
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
Although they have lived in Biloxi, Mississippi, for years, Ray and Jewel Kaiser have never been to the gambling casinos. On their first night out, they discover that they like the excitement and thrill of winning, and soon they are addicted. Nicknamed "Bob the Gambler" by his teenage stepdaughter, Ray eventually loses a lot. Some strong language. 1997.

Flyers RC 46678
by Daniel Hayes
read by John Polk
2 cassettes
Best friends Gabe and Bo are making a science fiction film, *Green Guy Gets Therapy*, as a summer project. While filming, Gabe and his friends notice strange events, especially at a neighbor's supposedly empty house. Some violence and some strong language. For junior and senior high readers. 1996.

Powers That Be RC 46682
by Anne McCaffrey and Elizabeth Ann Scarborough
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
With her lungs badly damaged by poisonous gas, Major Yanaba Maddock is sent to the icy planet Petaybee to recover. The Intergal Company also has other plans for her. Yana must find out why the geologists searching for mineral deposits on Petaybee are disappearing and about the new life-form they are creating. But Yana becomes loyal to her new home. Prequel to *Power Lines (RC 46683)*. 1993.

The Winter Wolf: Wyatt Earp in Alaska RC 46689
by Richard Parry
read by Roy Avers
2 cassettes
In 1897 veteran lawman Wyatt Earp joins the gold rush to Alaska. Stalking Earp is young Nathan Blaylock, who is driven by a strong motive to shoot down the legendary gunslinger. Blaylock stands to inherit twenty thousand dollars from his mother's estate if he kills the man who fathered him—Wyatt

Earp. Strong language and violence. 1996.

Roughnecks RC 46690
by Thomas Cochran
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
High school senior Travis Cody feels responsible for his football team's one loss of the season. But he has a chance to redeem himself in the big championship game. On the day of the playoff, Travis finds the confidence to overcome his fears and look forward to the future. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1997.

With the Snow Queen RC 46692
by Joanne Greenberg
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
In the title novella, a woman experiments with time travel in an attempt to relive her life. Of the thirteen short stories, most focus on everyday routines with unexpected twists. Two tales concern an author's relationship with characters created on paper. Some strong language. 1991.

Doing Time: Notes from the Undergrad RC 46694
by Rob Thomas
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
Nine students describe the community-service requirement at Robert E. Lee High School and relate how their volunteer time has changed their lives. One learns what confidential is supposed to mean, another begins to understand his heritage, and a food worker finds out where Gramma gets her groceries for Thanksgiving. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

New Stories from the South: The Year's Best, 1992 RC 46696
edited by Shannon Ravenel
read by Madelyn Buzzard
3 cassettes
Seventeen short stories from prominent southern writers including Lee Smith, James Lee Burke, and Larry Brown. In "Explaining Death to the Dog," a grieving mother tries to explain to her pet that the baby will never be coming back. "A Sturdy Pair of Shoes That Fit Good" tells how another woman spends her family's food money on shoes for the eleven children next door. 1992.

Empire of the Ants RC 46699
by Bernard Werber
read by James DeLotel
2 cassettes
In an ant colony in a Parisian park, the 327th male, the 103,683rd warrior, and the 56th female face many perils in their quest to form a new city. Nearby a human family inherits an apartment and a warning to never enter the cellar. But they do venture into the basement, and dire consequences ensue as the two life-forms interact. 1996.

Billy Gashade RC 46700
by Loren D. Estleman
read by Brian Conn
3 cassettes
In 1863 a sixteen-year-old boy from a prominent family is caught up in the New York City draft riots. Fleeing retribution from the Tammany Hall gang, the boy becomes Billy Gashade, a musician in saloons and pleasure houses out west. Throughout his years wandering from place to place, Billy meets characters who become legends: Calamity Jane, Chief Crazy Horse, and Billy the

Kid to name a few. Some violence. 1997.

The Fortunate Fall RC 46719
by Raphael Carter
read by Kristin Allison
2 cassettes
In twenty-third-century Russia, the world is linked by virtual reality. The Internet is used as an instrument of thought control. Maya is a human camera, a reporter who transmits her feelings and thoughts as well as the news. She investigates an old atrocity and finds herself fighting the censors. For senior high and older readers. 1996.

The Prophetess RC 46722
by Barbara Wood
read by Mary Woods
3 cassettes
As the millennium approaches, archaeologist Catherine Alexander discovers six scrolls while searching for the Well of Miriam. After translating the scrolls, she continues her search for the seventh, which will uncover religious revelations that the Catholic Church and other governments want kept secret. 1996.

The World at Night RC 46730
by Alan Furst
read by Chuck Benson
2 cassettes
Paris, 1940. Film producer Jean Casson continues making films and enjoying love affairs as much as possible while avoiding collaborating with the Germans during World War II. He agrees to assist British intelligence, but when disaster strikes, he becomes a double agent. Descriptions of sex. 1996.

No Easy Answers: Short Stories about Teenagers Making Tough Choices RC 46734
edited by Donald R. Gallo
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
Short stories by different authors portray teenagers facing moral dilemmas—about pregnancy, sex, peer pressure, and illegal activities. Not all of the young people make good decisions, but all face the consequences of their actions. Each story concludes with notes about the author. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

Roald Dahl's Book of Ghost Stories RC 46737
edited by Roald Dahl
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Dahl has selected fourteen tales for their "spookiness," intended "to give you the creeps and disturb your thoughts." He includes "W.S." by L.P. Hartley, "Harry" by Rosemary Timperley, "Playmates" by A.M. Burrage, and "Afterward" by Edith Wharton. 1983.

A Year and a Day RC 46739
by Virginia Henley
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Lynx de Warenne, who needs an heir, comes to secure Scotland's Castle Dumfries for Edward Plantagenet. When Lynx learns the steward has fathered ten children, he believes marrying the steward's daughter may provide a successor. But contracting to stay with Jane for a year and a day proves problematic. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1998.

Indiscreet RC 46742
by Mary Balogh
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
2 cassettes
Lady Catherine is banished to a small village after an illicit love affair. For five long years, she lives an anonymous but contented life. Unexpectedly, Viscount Rawleigh, the rake twin brother of the local landlord, comes to visit. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Fascination RC 46749
by Leona Blair
read by Jill Ferris
3 cassettes
In 1900 Miranda Cunningham heads for London to meet her husband, Paul. On board ship, she and her niece, Cynthia, meet Kitt McAllister, an independent spinster looking for a good time, and Steven James, a recently widowed senator. Soon all three women are in love with Mr. James. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1997.

Good Intentions RC 46751
by Patricia O'Brien
read by Pam Ward
2 cassettes
After her divorce, radio talk show host Rachel Snow buys the house she grew up in. Her attempts to fix it up while mending her relationships with her teenaged daughter, widowed mother, and an old boyfriend are interrupted by a series of on-the-air calls from someone claiming to be a murderer. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 1997.

Annie's Song RC 46753
by Catherine Anderson
read by Kristin Allison
3 cassettes
Everyone believes Annie Trimble is an idiot, so the town bully, Douglas Montgomery, has no qualms about raping her. His brother, Alex, runs him out of town, however, marries the pregnant Annie, and adopts the baby. Alex patiently helps Annie overcome her fear of men, and he is quite surprised when he discovers she is not dumb—just deaf. Some descriptions of sex. 1996.

People of the Mist: The First North Americans, Volume 9 RC 46758
by Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear
read by Jim Zeiger
4 cassettes
Sequel to *People of the Silence (RC 44626)* set in the Algonquin nation of the Chesapeake Bay area about A.D. 1300. Red Knot's murder on the eve of her marriage causes a rift among the clans, rather than the alliance the ceremony would have created. Panther, a reclusive old Indian, must solve the mystery. Descriptions of sex and some violence. For senior high and older readers. 1997.

The Hunt Club RC 46761
by Bret Lott
read by Jim Zeiger
2 cassettes
Fifteen-year-old Huger Dillard and his blind uncle Leland discover a murdered man on their land. The two run a hunt club for the wealthy men of Charleston to patronize on weekends. Within days the Dillard family is threatened and kidnapped by men who want to possess what the Dillards own. Some violence and some strong language. 1998.

Dead Even RC 46762
by Brad Meltzer
read by Martha Harmon Pardee
3 cassettes
Manhattan assistant prosecutor Sara Tate swipes a burglary case from a senior lawyer, hoping a high-profile legal victory will help her avoid a layoff. But then she learns that her husband, Jared, is representing the defendant. Both Sara and Jared are secretly warned that a loss in court will put their spouse in danger. Strong language and violence. Bestseller 1998.

What Looks like Crazy on an Ordinary Day RC 46770
by Pearl Cleage
read by MaryBeth Wise
2 cassettes
Ava had long ago traded her small-town life in Idlewild, Michigan, to be part of the successful crowd in Atlanta. Now, newly diagnosed with HIV, Ava has returned to Idlewild for a short visit. Soon caught up in her sister's good deeds, Ava slowly realizes she's falling in love with a much-changed family friend they had called Wild Eddie. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 1997.

Moon Music RC 46771
by Faye Kellerman
read by David Hartley-Margolin
3 cassettes
Las Vegas homicide detective Poe and his colleagues investigate the strange mutilation and killing of a hooker. Meanwhile Poe worries about his former girlfriend (now married to one of Poe's men) as she struggles with her compulsive handwashing, running, and other rituals. Strong language, violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

The Reader RC 46772
by Bernhard Schlink
read by Richard Hauenstein
1 cassette
As a teenager in Germany, Michael Berg meets an older woman who becomes his first lover. Frau Hanna Schmitz always has him read to her when he visits. She disappears one day, but he encounters her at a trial for Nazi prison guards years later when he is in law school. Shocked and dismayed, Michael can neither understand nor condemn Hanna, who, he learns, is illiterate. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1997.

The First Eagle RC 46774
by Tony Hillerman
read by Bob Askey
2 cassettes
Navajo tribal policeman Jim Chee arrests the poacher he finds standing over a dying police officer. But when Jim's mentor, retired cop Joe Leaphorn, begins looking for a missing scientist last seen in that same area that same day, the case takes on new dimensions. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Tell Me Your Dreams RC 46776
by Sidney Sheldon
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
In a series of brutal murders the male victims are all linked to three women who work for a California computer company. One of the women, Ashley, fears at first that her father is responsible for the killings. But it is Ashley who is arrested when the police realize a shocking fact about the other two women. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

The Lazarus Child RC 46908
by Robert Mawson
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
Twelve-year-old Ben blames himself for the accident that put his seven-year-old sister in a coma. Fed up with the hospital's feeble attempts to cure their daughter and worried about their son's melancholy, Ben's separated parents take the children from England to America where a doctor has reached comatose children using controversial techniques. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Low Country RC 46909
by Anne Rivers Siddons
read by Connie Crawford
2 cassettes
When coping with the death of her daughter becomes too painful, Caro escapes to the island she inherited from her grandfather. Now her husband, a land developer, wants to turn her refuge into an amusement park. Caro argues this will harm the local Gullah culture and the wild pony population. She finds solace from an unlikely source. Some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

Offshore RC 46932
by Penelope Fitzgerald
read by Vanessa Maroney
1 cassette
On the Thames River in London, a small group of people live on several old boats converted into houses. Among them are a male prostitute, an ex-naval officer, an artist, and a young, separated wife with two daughters. Their lives revolve around the tides and the repairs needed to keep their homes afloat. Some strong language. Winner of the 1979 Booker Prize. 1979.

Day of Confession RC 46975
by Allan Folsom
read by Ted Stoddard
3 cassettes
Hollywood lawyer Harry Addison travels to Rome to recover the body of his brother, Daniel, a priest. After he realizes that the corpse is not Daniel, Harry is framed for murder and flees. He uncovers a sinister plot to destabilize China by genocide, and—still hoping to find his brother alive—Harry gets help from some unlikely sources. Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

No Safe Place RC 47001
by Richard North Patterson
read by Robert Sams
4 cassettes
Only seven days remain until the Democratic presidential primary in California in the year 2000. Running against the incumbent vice president, Senator Kerry Kilcannon unexpectedly finds himself confronting personal issues: his affair with reporter Lara Costello and the antiabortionist who wants to kill him. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller 1998.

The Girl in the Flammable Skirt: Stories RC 47008
by Aimee Bender
read by Lindsay Ellison
1 cassette
Sixteen short stories in which the ordinary becomes unordinary. In "The Rememberer," a person experiences reverse evolution. In "The Bowl," a woman becomes attached to a gift from an unknown source. And in "Quiet Please," a grieving librarian has sex with every man who enters the library. Strong language and some de-

library. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1998.

Where the Heart Is RC 47380
by Billie Letts
read by Madelyn Buzzard
2 cassettes
Novalee Nation is seventeen and seven months pregnant when her boyfriend abandons her at a Wal-Mart in Sequoyah, Oklahoma. While living in the store, Novalee befriends many of the town's quirky residents who help her out after her baby is born. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller 1995.

The Testament RC 47382
by John Grisham
read by Gregory Gorton
3 cassettes
Billionaire Troy Phelan surprises his legal heirs by leaving his entire estate to an illegitimate daughter, Rachel Lane. Because she is a missionary living somewhere on the Brazil-Bolivia border, lawyer Nate O'Riley's immediate problem is to find her and inform her of the inheritance. Some strong language. Bestseller 1999.

Books for Children

Books listed in this issue of *Talking Book Topics* were recently sent to cooperating libraries. The complete collection contains books by many authors on fiction and nonfiction subjects, including animals, geography, nature, mystery, sports, and others. Contact your cooperating library to learn more about the wide range of books available in the collection.

Cassette books are labeled with the code RC and play at 15/16 ips. To order books, fill out the order form and send it to your cooperating library.

Cassettes Nonfiction

Mark Twain: America's Humorist, Dreamer, Prophet RC 45656
by Clinton Cox
read by Gregory Gorton
1 cassette
A portrait of the celebrated nineteenth-century author and humorist. Traces his life through an era that saw the end of slavery, rapid industrialization, and urbanization. Describes his Missouri youth, his adventures as a river pilot, his family life, and his writing career. For grades 5-8. 1995.

The Mysterious Visitor: Stories of the Prophet Elijah RC 45790
by Nina Jaffe
read by Terence Aselford
1 cassette
Eight traditional Jewish tales about Elijah, whose image in the stories changes from that of a stern prophet to one of a benevolent messenger to earth. In "The Dream," an old man dreams that Elijah tells him to take a long journey. The man obeys, and his faith is rewarded. For grades 2-4. 1997.

Flora and Tiger: Nineteen Very Short Stories from My Life RC 46346
by Eric Carle
read by Chuck Young
1 cassette
The author/illustrator of such books as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar (RC 24609)*

tells about animals and insects, friends and relatives, and himself in Germany during his childhood and World War II; also brief sketches of life after his arrival in the United States. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Stolen Dreams: Portraits of Working Children RC 46391
by David L. Parker
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Begins with the story of Iqbal Masih, the twelve-year-old Pakistani carpet weaver who was murdered because of his stand against bonded child labor in 1995. Describes the jobs and hardships of juvenile workers in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Mexico, and the United States. Offers suggestions for changing the situation. 1998.

Ludwig Van Beethoven: Composer RC 46410
by Dynise Balcavage
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
The life and times of composer Ludwig Van Beethoven, born in 1770. He began losing his hearing as a young adult but was able to communicate and to pursue his musical career by using an ear trumpet and various devices. By the age of forty-eight he was totally deaf, but he continued working despite this challenge and several debilitating bouts of illness. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1997.

Chuck Close: Up Close RC 46414
by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
This biography of the portrait artist tells about his undiagnosed childhood problems with dyslexia and learning disabilities, when art was the only subject he enjoyed. He was a famous painter in the 1960s, but was paralyzed from the neck down in 1988. The doctors said his career was over, but Close is painting again. For grades 4-7. 1998.

The Great Wall RC 46416
by Elizabeth Mann
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
The story of the Great Wall of China, which was built over a period of two centuries to keep out nomadic warriors. Discusses various emperors' roles in the process and describes how the wall was constructed. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Buffalo Days RC 46417
by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
A ten-year-old Crow boy nicknamed Indian is featured in this description of his tribe's attempt to bring back the great herds that existed during "buffalo days." For grades 3-6. 1997.

The Adventures of Odysseus RC 46418
retold by Neil Philip
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
In this retelling of the classic tale by Homer, Odysseus is sailing home from Troy to Ithaca. He and his men have many perilous encounters with monsters, gods, and the elements on their journey. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Cat Mummies RC 46419
by Kelly Trumble
read by Laura Giannarelli
1 cassette
Explains the beginnings of animal worship in ancient Egypt and why the cat was the sacred animal of the goddess Bastet. Describes the beliefs for pre-

serving bodies by mummification. Discusses changes in Egypt's religions and the sad fate of cat mummies found in 1888. For grades 3-6. 1996.

Stones, Bones, and Petroglyphs: Digging into Southwest Archaeology RC 46421
by Susan E. Goodman
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
Describes a one-week field trip where eighth graders worked with archaeologists at Crow Canyon, Colorado, to learn how the Pueblo Indians lived. Explains how to conduct a dig to maximize scientific information. Examines some of the artifacts. Discusses why the Puebloans disappeared in A.D. 1300. For grades 5-8. 1998.

Growing Up in Coal Country RC 46445
by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
History of child labor in the coal mines of northeastern Pennsylvania. Describes the strenuous and dangerous work that boys as young as five years old were expected to perform in order for their families to survive. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Tell Them We Remember: The Story of the Holocaust RC 46509
by Susan D. Bachrach
read by Barry Bernson
1 cassette
Presents historical facts about Nazi Germany, focusing on the annihilation of more than one million children and teenagers, the majority being Jewish. Describes rescue and resistance efforts during World War II and its aftermath. Based on material located at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee: Champion Athlete RC 46556
by Geri Harrington
read by Patricia McDermott
1 cassette
Discusses the training and successes of the Olympic gold medal-winning athlete in track and field. Despite the fact that exercise triggered her asthma, Jackie Joyner-Kersee excelled in the heptathlon and long jump events. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Chris Burke: Actor RC 46557
by Helen Monsoon Geraghty
read by Randy Davidson
1 cassette
The life of Chris Burke, who has Down syndrome but nonetheless believed from childhood that he could succeed as an actor. He has achieved that goal, starring in the television series Life Goes On and becoming a millionaire before the age of thirty. For grades 5-8. 1995.

Jim Abbott: Major League Pitcher RC 46565
by Norman L. Macht
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
Highlights the career of major league baseball player Jim Abbott, who was born in 1967 without a right hand. Discusses other disabled ball players from the past. Introduction by Jerry Lewis. For grades 5-8. 1994.

Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul: 101 Stories of Courage, Hope, and Laughter RC 46804
by Jack Canfield and others
read by Erik Sandvold
2 cassettes
A selection of inspirational stories by and for children. Topics cover love,

friendship, family, attitude, death, goals, hardships, decisions, and wisdom. For grades 5-8 and older readers. Bestseller 1998.

Clara Barton: Civil War Nurse RC 46806
by Nancy Whitelaw
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
The life of the woman who established the first American chapter of the Red Cross. Tells how she developed an interest in nursing as a child. Helping her brother regain his health and caring for Civil War wounded inspired her lifelong work to improve conditions for the sick and injured. For grades 4-7. 1997.

With Love RC 46807
by Jane Goodall
read by Jill Ferris
1 cassette
From almost forty years of observing chimpanzees in the wild, Goodall presents ten incidents she witnessed. She describes the adoption of a three-year-old orphan by an unrelated adult male; a big sister rescuing her little brother from a snake; and a daughter picking fruit for her mother, who has a paralyzed arm. Contains information on the plight of chimpanzees and how to help them. For grades 3-6. 1994.

Exercise and Your Health RC 46817
by Jillian Powell
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Discusses the importance of exercise to have a strong, fit body. Describes various kinds of exercise and the best way to work out. Recommends that everyone should choose a sport or activity to do regularly to keep healthy. For grades 2-4. 1998.

Blood on the Forehead: What I Know about Writing RC 46818
by M.E. Kerr
read by Pam Ward
1 cassette
Author of young adult books uses long excerpts from her novels and short stories to explain how she came up with ideas and turned them into fiction. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1998.

Cooking RC 46931
by Angela Shelf Medearis and Michael R. Medearis
read by Michele Schaeffer
1 cassette
Discusses the influence of African-based foods and cooking techniques on American food. The authors provide information on the arrival of Africans in America and then show how food they brought with them, such as okra, eggplant, black-eyed peas, beans, garlic, and onions, have been incorporated into American dishes. Includes some recipes. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 1997.

Cassettes Fiction

Crash RC 45172
by Jerry Spinelli
read by Phil Regensdorf
1 cassette
Crash Coogan is a self-centered seventh-grade jock until his grandfather's illness forces him and the rest of his family to reassess their values. For grades 5-8. 1996.

Patakín: World Tales of Drums and Drummers RC 45298
by Nina Jaffe
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Ten folktales involving drums and drummers in cultures around the world. Stories tell of drums that defeat demons, revive the dead, tame wild tigers, and lead a people to freedom. Notes describe the drums in each story and their individual drumming patterns. For grades 6-9. 1994.

My Mom Married the Principal RC 46111
by Margaret Bechard
read by Brian Conn
1 cassette
Now that his mother is married to his school principal, Bob Decker, Jonah Truman's eighth-grade friends are asking for "Bob favors." All Jonah wants is the courage to ask Katherine Chang out on a date. As the school year progresses, Jonah finds his life becoming increasingly complicated. Sequel to *Really No Big Deal (RC 42554)*. For grades 4-7. 1998.

Witch Week RC 46203
by Diana Wynne Jones
read by Anne Flosnik
2 cassettes
The teacher of 6B at Larwood House receives a note charging that one of his students is a witch. This may well be since Larwood House is a boarding school for many orphans of witches. Anxiety rises as some students try to hide their powers and their classmates begin to suspect one another. For grades 6-9. 1982.

Gib Rides Home RC 46233
by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
read by Bruce Huntey
1 cassette
Nebraska, 1909. When Gib Whittaker reappears at the orphanage, all the boys are shocked and worried. An orphan has never returned before. Gib had been farmed out to a ranch where he rediscovered his love and skill with horses as well as neighbors from his past. Returning was hard on Gib. For grades 4-7. 1998.

Under the Pear Tree RC 46248
by Brenda Seabrooke
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
This sequel to *Judy Scuppernong (RC 35091)* continues, in a series of narrative poems, the tale of three young girls in a small Georgia town in the early 1950s. During the summer, Lala, Stacy, and Deanna and her visiting cousin Rusty have a dog wedding, go on a hay ride and picnic, swim, catch caterpillars, and build a city out of boxes and scraps of paper. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker RC 46268
by Cynthia DeFelice
read by John Lescault
1 cassette
In 1849 twelve-year-old Lucas Whitaker's entire family dies of consumption. The distraught boy hears about a folk cure for the illness, which involves removing the heart of a deceased victim, then burning the organ to produce smoke that has curative powers. Luke decides to test this macabre treatment. For grades 4-7. 1996.

Parzival: The Quest of the Grail Knight
RC 46333
retold by Katherine Paterson
read by MaryBeth Wise
1 cassette
Parzival's mother tried to raise him without knowledge of King Arthur's court, but one day Parzival meets three knights in the woods. After that, he is determined to become a knight, even though he lacks the right preparation. A retelling of the Arthurian legend based on a thirteenth-century poem by Wolfram von Eschenbach. For grades 5-8. 1998.

Black Cowboy, Wild Horses: A True Story
RC 46423
by Julius Lester
read by Bob Moore
1 cassette
Story based on the life of a former slave, Bob Lemmons, who becomes a cowboy. Bob rides the plains seeking a herd of wild horses to capture and tame. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 1998.

The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor
RC 46456
retold by John Yeoman
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
After serving his guests a delicious feast, Sinbad the Sailor tells about his seven trips by sea and the shipwrecks and adventures in foreign lands that led to his wealth. A retelling of the Sinbad stories from *The Arabian Nights*. For grades 3-6. 1996.

With Wings as Eagles RC 46493
by Patsy Baker O'Leary
read by L.J. Ganser
2 cassettes
Bubba, twelve, has mixed emotions about his father's return from prison in 1938. Jed Harkins doesn't seem to be the same man who left their North Carolina home six years earlier. Bubba struggles with his loss of status as man of the house, and he can't understand why his father now refuses to maintain his longtime friendship with their black neighbors. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Going through the Gate RC 46535
by Janet S. Anderson
read by Ann Hodapp
1 cassette
In a rural one-room schoolhouse, five sixth graders choose a specific animal to study and identify with for their commencement ceremony. The teacher tries to ensure that the children's passage through the graduation gate will improve their perceptions of themselves and their world. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Window RC 46538
by Michael Dorris
read by Mitzi Friedlander
1 cassette
This companion to the adult novels *Yellow Raft in Blue Water (RC 26494)* and *Cloud Chamber (RC 45120)* recalls Rayona Taylor's unsettled life at age eleven. When her Native American mother is hospitalized, her father—who is black—tries to place Rayona in a foster home. Finally, he takes her to live with his relatives, and she is surprised to learn most of them are white. For grades 6-9. 1997.

The Long Patrol RC 46543
by Brian Jacques
read by David Palmer
2 cassettes
A frisky young hare called Tammo exchanges imaginary enemies for real ones when his mother sends him to join the Long Patrol of warrior hares. He

proves his mettle in the defense of Redwall Abbey against the Rapscallions led by the Greatrat Damug Warfang. Companion to *Redwall (RC 29729)*. For grades 5-8. 1998.

***The Lion Tamer's Daughter* and Other Stories RC 46546**
by Peter Dickinson
read by Brian Conn
2 cassettes
Four tales about teenagers dealing with magical and supernatural phenomena. In the title story, Keith has known Melly for years because their mothers are good friends. Then while visiting in another city, he bumps into a wilder version of his pal called Melanie. The two girls seem to know each other, yet only one of them is real. For grades 6-9. 1997.

Achingly Alice RC 46549
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
read by Kerry Cundiff
1 cassette
In the eighth grade, Alice, of *Outrageously Alice (RC 45568)*, continues her campaign to get her widowed father and her favorite teacher, Miss Summers, to marry. But Miss Summers's other boyfriend is back in the picture. For grades 6-9. 1998.

The Only Alien on the Planet RC 46552
by Kristen D. Randle
read by Carol Dines
2 cassettes
Ginny leads a secure, happy life until her high school senior year. Suddenly her parents uproot the family and her oldest brother goes to college. Ginny becomes friends with her new next-door neighbor, Caulder, who introduces her to Smitty, a classmate who doesn't ever talk. Caulder and Ginny make it their mission to help him. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1995.

Once on This Island RC 46581
by Gloria Whelan
read by Margaret Strom
1 cassette
In 1812 the fort on Mackinac Island in the Great Lakes is captured by British soldiers who order residents to take an oath of allegiance to England. Instead, Mary O'Shea's widowed father leaves the island to join the American army, instructing twelve-year-old Mary and her brother and sister to stay and take care of the farm. For grades 4-7. 1995.

His Majesty's Elephant RC 46598
by Judith Tarr
read by Corrie James
1 cassette
The arrival of Abul Abbas, an elephant, at Emperor Charlemagne's court in Germany heralds the beginning of many changes for Rowan, the emperor's young daughter. Through Kerrec, the elephant boy, Rowan discovers her magical power and uses it to save her father from a Byzantine plot. For grades 6-9. 1993.

Caesar's Antlers RC 46602
by Brooks Hansen
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
The story of a mother sparrow who builds a nest in a reindeer's antlers in order to travel in search of her lost mate. Caesar, the reindeer, is on his own mission—taking supplies to his lost humans. For grades 4-7. 1997.

The Secret of Platform Thirteen
RC 46606
by Eva Ibbotson
read by Anne Flosnik
1 cassette
Once every nine years, for exactly nine days, the gump provides passage between the ordinary world of England and the magical Island. When the Islanders' baby prince is kidnapped in London, a rescue cannot be attempted until the gump reopens nine years later. Identifying and returning the real prince becomes complicated, and the nine-day time limit is running out. For grades 4-7. 1994.

Frindle RC 46654
by Andrew Clements
read by L.J. Ganser
1 cassette
In the fifth grade Nick has his first difficult class—language arts with Mrs. Granger. He and his classmates decide to "beat her at her own game" by inventing a new word. They begin calling their pens "frindles," even though it means being on detention every day. For grades 3-6. 1996.

The Worst Speller in Jr. High RC 46687
by Caroline Janover
read by Madelyn Buzzard
1 cassette
After just a few days in the seventh grade, thirteen-year-old Katie Kelso wishes she were back in elementary school where her teachers understood about her dyslexia. But that is only one of Katie's problems. She wants to become one of the P.K.s (popular kids) this year, but has to babysit her younger brothers too often and her mother may have cancer. For grades 6-9. 1995.

Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman
RC 46736
by Stephanie Greene
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
Owen Foote has worried about height-and-weight day at school since first grade when the nurse called him a pipsqueak in front of everyone. His best friend, Joseph, is afraid, too, because he is fat. When Nurse Jackson criticizes Joseph, Owen feels obligated to speak up, risking punishment. Owen eventually comes to terms with his size and Joseph goes on a healthy diet. For grades K-3. 1996.

Lostman's River RC 46744
by Cynthia DeFelice
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
When Tyler MacCauley agrees to guide the naturalist, Mr. Strawbridge, to find samples of the Everglades wildlife in 1906, he is looking forward to the money he will earn for his mother. Tyler knows about the dangers from alligators, but it turns out that humans pose a worse threat. Some violence. For grades 5-8. 1994.

The Golden Hoard: Myths and Legends of the World RC 46791
retold by Geraldine McCaughrean
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Twenty-two brief retellings of folktales from cultures far away in time and place. Includes familiar characters such as King Midas, Robin Hood, the Lorelei, and Coyote the Trickster. For grades 4-7. 1995.

What's a Daring Detective like Me Doing in the Doghouse? RC 46809
by Linda Bailey
read by Kristin Allison
1 cassette
Stevie Diamond and her friend Jesse Kulniki find a stray dog, dirty and covered with burrs. The dog looks even worse after their inexpert grooming. Then they realize the stray is the president's dog, kidnapped by "the prankster," a practical joker. It is imperative that Stevie and Jesse track down the prankster before the wrong person is blamed for taking the dog. For grades 4-7. 1997.

Owen Foote, Soccer Star RC 46816
by Stephanie Greene
read by Erik Sandvold
1 cassette
In this sequel to *Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman (RC 46736)*, Owen has talked his friend Joseph into joining the soccer team. But on the first day of practice, Owen realizes soccer isn't going to be as much fun this year. For grades K-3. 1998.

Choosing Up Sides RC 46935
by John H. Ritter
read by Rick Rohan
1 cassette
In 1921 Luke Bledsoe, thirteen, and his family relocate to an Ohio river town where his father is the new fundamentalist preacher. To his dad's dismay, Luke discovers he has a natural skill for playing baseball. After he sees the famed Babe Ruth play for charity, Luke decides to defy his father for a place on the diamond. No one is prepared for the consequences. For grades 5-8. 1998.

Lights Out! RC 47014
by John Himmelman
read by Bob Kuhn
1 cassette
Six Camp Badger scouts prepare to go to sleep in their cabin, but each time the counselor turns out the lights, the boys imagine horrible things are about to happen. For grades K-3. 1995.

Foreign Language Books

The following cassette titles are available in the languages designated.

Spanish

Anécdotas Cubanas: Leyenda y Folclore RC 46977
por Ana María Alvarado
leído por Maria Pino
1 cassette
¿Por qué los cubanos llaman "guaguas" los autobuses? ¿De dónde proviene el nombre de "La Habana?" La autora cubano-americana recoge una colección de anécdotas históricas e "hilachas del recuerdo" que explican e ilustran muchos aspectos del refranero popular y del ambiente colorido de Cuba. (Why do Cubans call their buses "guaguas?" Where does the name of Havana come from? The Cuban American author presents a collection of historical anecdotes and personal reminiscences that explain and illustrate many of the colorful aspects of Cuban language and culture.) 1996.

Cristóbal Colón: El Capricho de la Reina RC 43991
por Julio Pablo Andújar
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
Una narrativa satírica y anacronista que repasa el Descubrimiento del Nuevo Mundo por Colón. Las computadoras, los teléfonos células y los perfiles psicológicos del Rey Fernando hacen un papel en el asunto así como la pasión secreta de la Reina Isabel por un "verdadero" hombre. (A tongue-in-cheek retelling of Columbus's discovery of the New World. King Fernando's computers, cell phones, and background checks play a role, as does Queen Isabella's hidden passion for a "real" man.) 1994.

Soñar en Cubano RC 43992
por Cristina García
leído por Maria Pino
2 cassettes
Novela de la autora cubano-americana que pinta las luchas y los dolores de tres generaciones de mujeres cubanas. La familia está dividida geográfica y políticamente, y las mujeres exponen genios muy distintos, desde la abuela castrista que vive aún en Cuba hasta la nieta rebelde y desenfrenada que vive en Nueva York. Contiene lenguaje injurioso y descripciones de índole sexual. (Novel by the Cuban American author portrays the struggles and suffering of three generations of Cuban women. Geographically and politically divided, the family exhibits extremes of personality and behavior, ranging from the pro-Castro grandmother living in Cuba to the rebellious punk-rock granddaughter living in New York. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.) 1992.

El Sabor de lo Prohibido: Antología Personal de Cuentos RC 43993
por José Alcántara Almánzar
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
Doce cuentos del autor dominicano que enfocan en personas obsesionadas con cosas cotidianas. En el primer cuento, "El Zurdo," un hombre que es zurdo cuenta su sufrimiento en un mundo de mano derecha. Incluye intoducciones del escritor puertorriqeño, Efraín Barradas. Contiene lenguaje injurioso y algunas descripciones de índole sexual. (Twelve stories by the Dominican author depicting persons obsessed with minor flaws or casual events. In the lead story, "El Zurdo," a left-handed man tells of his suffering in a right-handed world. Includes introductions by Puerto Rican writer Efrain Barradas. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.) 1993.

Don y Misterio: En el Quincuagésimo Aniversario de Mi Sacerdocio RC 43995
por Papa Juan Pablo II
leído por Juan Ramirez
1 cassette
El Papa Juan Pablo II recuerda sus cincuenta años de sacerdocio en la Iglesia católica, narrando sus experiencias durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, su ordernación y primer visita a Roma en 1946 y su culminación al ser elegido Papa en 1978. (Pope John Paul II reflects on his fifty years of service to the Catholic church—his early experiences during World War II, his ordination and first visit to Rome in 1946, and the years leading up to his election as Pope in 1978.) 1997.

De Amor y de Sombra RC 43996
por Isabel Allende
leído por Juan Ramirez
2 cassettes
Novela de la autora chilena que evoca el terror diario bajo una dictadura militar y las maneras sútiles en que la resistencia se ofrece. Al desempeñar su trabajo cotidiano, el periodista Irene Beltrán y el fotógrafo Francisco Leal descubren un crimen. Aunque sus investigaciones ponen en peligro sus vidas ante el régimen militar, están destinados a compartir un amor excepcional. Contiene lenguaje injurioso. (Novel by the Chilean author evokes the daily terror under a military dictatorship and the subtle ways that resistance is offered. Reporter Irene Beltrán and photographer Francisco Leal uncover a crime in the course of their daily work. While their investigation brings danger at the hands of the military regime, they are destined to share an exceptional love. Some strong language.) 1984.

Un Fin de Semana Inolvidable RC 43997
por Miranda Lee
read by Maria Pino
1 cassette
Cuando un accidente deja a Jack con una amnesia temporal, su secretaria, Hannah, quiere protegerle de esa mujer fría y ambiciosa que es la novia de él. Hannah acaba fingiendo ser la propia novia de Jack llevándole a las montañas durante un fin de semana. Sabe que, temprano o tarde, la memoria de Jack volverá. Una novela romántica de Harlequin. (When an accident leaves Jack with temporary amnesia, his secretary, Hannah, decides to keep him away from the cold, ambitious woman to whom he is engaged. Pretending to be his fiancée, Hannah takes Jack away for a weekend in the mountains. She knows that, sooner or later, his memory will return. A Harlequin romance.) 1996.

Talking Book Magazines

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Sports Illustrated (weekly plus special issues)
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